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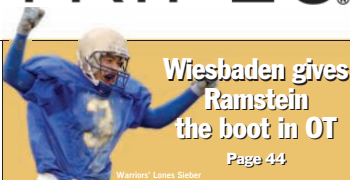


## Did you remember?

Daylight-saving time ended Sunday morning. Did you move your clock back?

U.S. forces in the Balkans, the United Kingdom and most of Europe are affected. Forces in Iceland and those deployed to Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia don't benefit from the time shift. There is no daylight-saving time in those countries.

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## Bin Laden steps into election

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Arab television station Al-Jazeera on Friday broadcast a new videotape of Osama bin Laden, during which the al-Qaida leader for the first time publicly took responsibility for the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. The implications of his appearance just days before the U.S. presidential elections raised concerns for both Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry and President Bush, the Republican incumbent.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Penn. absentee ballots:** Republicans and the father of a serviceman sued Democratic Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell on Friday, hoping to extend to 30 days the deadline for counting overseas military and civilian ballots for president.

The move came just hours after a federal judge approved a settlement between Rendell and the parents of two other servicemen who had also sued over the ballot counting. Rendell agreed to extend the deadline by eight days.

But the Republican State Committee and the father of a soldier stationed at the American Embassy in Ethiopia said eight days was not enough and asked a state court to order officials to count ballots for a month.

**Coors Senate campaign:** A political watchdog group Friday accused Coors Brewing Co. of giving the U.S. Senate campaign of beer baron Pete Coors an unfair boost with ads touting the company's environmental record.

The ads in the Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post feature a snowcapped peak and invite readers to visit a Web site detailing the company's environmental activities. It also touted the company's economic contribution to Colorado.

In a letter to Coors CEO Leo Kiely, Colorado Common Cause executive director Peter Maysmith asked the company to stop running the ads, calling it "completely inappropriate to attempt to influence a U.S. Senate race."

**Fla. right-to-die case:** A feeding tube for a severely brain-damaged woman can't be removed until appeals are exhausted in her parents' fight to have a new trial in the long-running right-to-die case, a judge ruled Friday.

An attorney for Schiavo's husband, Michael, said the order could mean months and possibly years of delay and he would seek to have it overturned.

At issue is a request for a new trial by Terri Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, who say if their daughter indeed did not want to be kept alive artificially, as her husband says, she no longer would have that wish given recent statements from the pope.

**"Fahrenheit 9/11":** An online pay-per-view showing of Michael Moore's controversial anti-Bush documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be released on the eve of the presidential election, the Internet movie provider CinemaNow announced Friday.

Viewers can see the film Monday by logging on to the company's Web site at 8 p.m. EST and paying \$9.95, said the company's chief executive officer, Curt Marvis. It also will be made available in December.

He said Moore and Fellowship Adventure Group, one of the film's distributors, have agreed to donate their share of the profits from Monday's showing to a charity to benefit veterans.

**Cassini spacecraft:** Scientists say the

Cassini spacecraft is sending back evidence that Saturn's planet-size moon Titan has some familiar features, but that it still remains one of the strangest worlds.

Unlike the airless moons and space rocks that NASA can photograph with startling clarity, Titan, hundreds of millions of miles from Earth, has long stymied scientists because its surface is shrouded by a thick atmosphere of nitrogen and methane.

That has forced scientists to create theories about the surface from observations of the hydrocarbon-laced atmosphere. Scientists believe seas or lakes of methane could form as organic compounds fall out of the atmosphere and collect on the surface.

## Business

**Internet music sharings:** Sony BMG Music Entertainment and online peer-to-peer software distributor Grokster are working on a new venture that is expected to offer paid and free song downloads over the Internet, sources say.

Details of the venture, dubbed Mashboxx, haven't been finalized but the service would allow users to download promotional versions of songs by Sony BMG acts at no charge and buy licensed versions, sources familiar with the venture said on condition of anonymity.

## World

**U.N. war crimes tribunals:** Faced with U.S. and European Union demands to extradite top war crimes suspects to the U.N. tribunal or face sanctions, the Bosnian Serb police searched homes early Saturday in a hunt for an indicted suspect.

Police searched several houses in an attempt to apprehend Gorko Jankovic — the Bosnian Serb wartime deputy commander of military police — in the eastern town Foca, 45 miles southeast of Sarajevo, said police spokesman Radovan Pejic.

Jankovic was not found and the operation was canceled, he said.

The action came amid reports that the United States and the European Union may slap sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs for failing to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. Jankovic is one of the fugitives wanted by the court.

**Deadly Thailand riot:** More than 1,100 Muslims detained after a riot were freed Saturday, as the government tried to ease anger in Thailand's restive south over the deaths of dozens of accused rioters — including 78 who perished in military custody.

The army also lifted a curfew imposed in parts of Narathiwat, the province where thousands of Muslim youths besieged a police station Monday to demand the release of six men they believed were unjustly accused of giving arms to Islamic separatists.

The 78 Muslim detainees suffocated or were crushed to death when security forces piled them into military trucks along with more than 1,200 others. At least seven others died during the riot, apparently shot by security forces.

**Philippine Muslims:** Muslim separatist rebels said Saturday they are determined to peacefully resolve their three-decade rebellion in the southern Philippines.

Mohagher Iqbal, chief peace negotiator for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said rebel leaders assured members of an international cease-fire monitoring group that they will pursue peace talks with the Philippine government "until a just, comprehensive and honorable peace settlement is achieved."

The cease-fire monitoring team is composed of soldiers from Brunei and 50 from Malaysia.

The monitors will be deployed in the



**Peterson trial:** Jackie Peterson, mother of Scott Peterson, exits the San Mateo County Superior Courthouse with family pastor Brooks Gibbs after a day in court during the Scott Peterson double-murder trial in Redwood City, Calif., on Friday. Peterson is accused of two counts of murder for the deaths of his wife, Laci Peterson, 27, and the couple's unborn son. A judge has ruled the jury may consider a lesser murder charge that would spare Peterson the death penalty. Legal experts call this a victory for the prosecution because this is the first time the jury may consider a guilty verdict.

southern cities of Iligan, Davao, and Cotabato, and will file reports of any encounters between guerrillas and government troops.

**Turkey and EU:** Holding referendums in European countries over whether Turkey can join the European Union would amount to "clear discrimination," Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in comments published Friday.

"No such referendum has ever been held for EU countries, (or) for those that have joined," Erdogan was quoted as saying in an interview with Italian paper La Repubblica. "I therefore see no reason to hold a vote specially on us."

The EU recommended earlier this month that talks begin on making Turkey a member. EU leaders will decide whether to start entry negotiations with Ankara at a December summit.

**Madrid train bombings:** Police have arrested three ambulance crew members who took photos and video footage of people killed in the Madrid train bombings and posted them on a Web page, authorities said Saturday.

Police acted on orders from Juan del Olmo, the judge probing the March 11 attacks that killed 191 people, the National Police said in a statement.

The police launched their probe on Oct. 22 after 34 photos and a video clip — all showing gruesome pictures of mutilated bodies — were displayed on the Internet.

The three suspects were arrested over the past few days, the police statement said. The names of those arrested were not given.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press.

# New helmet design saves soldier's life

## Army makes controversial switch from PASGT helmet to the ACH

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

ASADABAD, Afghanistan — The nurse looked at Spc. Adrian Danczyk in disbelief when he finally made it to the aid station after a fire-fight.



Danczyk

Company D, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

A nurse finally noticed his face was covered with blood.

"She said, 'What happened to you,'" Danczyk said.

"I got shot in the head," he said.

"She looked at me like a ghost."

The date of that firefight just south of Fallujah — November 8, 2003 — should probably be on Adrian Danczyk's headstone. But instead of the 7.62 mm RPK light machine gun bullet penetrating Danczyk's skull, his Kevlar helmet absorbed a wound where the helmet slammed into his forehead.

The bullet's impact broke the helmet's chinstraps and destroyed the mount for his night-optical device, Danczyk said. The only damage to him was a cut that took two stitches to close.

Fully recovered, Danczyk recently was in Afghanistan with the Fort Bragg-based 82nd, helping provide security for the country's first presidential elections.

As he told his story to Stars and

Stripes one night at Firebase Asadabad, a fellow paratrooper slapped Danczyk on the shoulder. "Oh, that story's so last year!" the soldier said, laughing.

Danczyk is one of the first regular Army soldiers to combat test the new Advanced Combat Helmet, or ACH, which is replacing the Personnel Armored System, Ground Tactical, or PASGT helmet.

The switch to the new helmet has not been without controversy. In August, Lt. Col. Jeff Poffenbarger, an Army neurosurgeon in Iraq, told the Wall Street Journal the ACH offers less protection because it's about 8 percent smaller than the PASGT helmet.

In Iraq, the main threat is from roadside bombs, and Poffenbarger said many soldiers are getting hurt because the new helmet exposes more of the sides and backs of the soldiers' heads.

"I've become convinced that for this type of guerrilla fight, we are giving away coverage that we need to save lives," Poffenbarger, a former Green Beret, stated in the Wall Street Journal story.

Army officials, however, say the ACH has shorter side skirts because when soldiers dropped to the ground to shoot, their shoulders pushed the PASGT helmet over their eyes. Danczyk was firing from a prone position when hit.

The smaller ACH is three pounds lighter than the old helmet, and it includes a new suspension system that Danczyk calls "infinitely more comfortable."

One of the ACH's best features is that soldiers are less tempted to take them off, said Lt. Col. Brian Drinkwater, Danczyk's battalion commander with 1-505.

What no one disputes — least of all Danczyk — is that the ACH absorbs a lot of energy due to an improved type of Kevlar. Kevlar is a 30-year-old fabric invented by E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.



Left: Second Lt. John Bradley wears the Army's Advanced Combat Helmet, which is lighter and stronger than the old helmets, while in Iraq. Right: Lt. Col. Chuck Williams, commander of 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Armored Division, wears the old Personnel Armored System, Ground Tactical, or PASGT, helmet. Some experts say the helmet offers more protection than the Advanced Combat Helmet.



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Communications Helmet, or MICH, designed for U.S. special forces units, according to Parker and Drinkwater.

U.S. officials "looked at what they had with the MICH, and said, 'This is a pretty damn good helmet,'" said Drinkwater, who worked with the Department of the Army's Soldier System Team to get helmets for all of his 800-some soldiers before the 82nd deployed to Iraq in 2003.

The effort was worth it. Drinkwater said. The ACH saved several of his men: "Not just Danczyk, but I had soldiers in Iraq hit by shrapnel or pieces of RPGs who walked away with nothing other than a bad headache."

"The best part of this is knowing there are young paratroopers out there who believe in it," he said.

"No question, [getting shot] changed the way I think about

Kevlar," Danczyk said.

The night started when a Company D patrol came up on nine Iraqi men "clearly up to no good," Danczyk said. Paratroopers closed up to about 200 meters when the Iraqis began firing. He can still remember the rounds coming at his head, dropping down as he tried to dig into the sand, Danczyk said.

Then the impact. "I knew what had happened as soon as I was hit," Danczyk says. "I was hit."

Danczyk plans to make the Army his career, and as a future non-commissioned officer, "I'd never, ever let my soldiers go without Kevlar," he said.

The only time you'll see Danczyk without his Kevlar is between missions. Before a mission, he's the first guy with it on.

Some soldiers joke about him being "a Kevlar Nazi," he said.

But the punch line is, he's still alive.

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*"I'd never, ever let my soldiers go without Kevlar."*

Spc. Adrian Danczyk  
82nd Airborne Division



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A 1st Cavalry Scout uses an LRAS to survey an area outside Baghdad, looking for insurgent activity. The LRAS — a combination of several technologies — allows scouts to watch the enemy from distances outside the range of small arms. Scouts rate the device a must-have for the modern battlefield.

## Soldiers favor some weapons over others while in the field

While most soldiers believe Kevlar and battle armor save lives, an informal survey over the last year in Afghanistan and Iraq indicates that soldiers have greater confidence in some weapons than in others.

One of the most popular new battlefield tools is the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System, or LRAS3, made by Raytheon.

An LRAS3 allows scouts to pick out targets while staying out of range of the enemy's small arms. Its long-range, multi-sensor system — including night-vision capabilities — allows scouts to do every-

thing from long-range surveillance to ranging targets.

Scouts using the device in Iraq found it durable in the field, though it needed frequent maintenance from Raytheon technicians embedded with 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq.

Other weapons of choice include:

■ M-2 .50-cal. heavy machine gun: It's reliable and has a round robust enough to even stop light tanks.

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# SEAL unit marks 10th anniversary in Spain

## Troops show off equipment, try to recruit

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain—What special operations forces do is often performed in the shadows, but the Navy's elite SEAL unit is making no secret that they need more top-quality recruits.

When members of Naval Special Warfare Unit 10 marked the unit's 10th anniversary Friday in Spain by showing off their "toys," they also made a subtle pitch for more members.

They invited about 30 high school seniors from the base to get a special, up-close look at their dive gear, hold some of their weapons and check out their high-tech reconnaissance equipment. Anyone interested in becoming a SEAL or a Navy diver could pick up more information or ask the team members face to face.

"We're after mature, stable individuals," Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dean Oden said. "It's not about being Rambo. It's cool stuff, but you have got to be able to handle the coolness and still be mature about it."

The military is leaning heavily on its elite forces in all branches to fight the war on terror across the globe, and the number of units is expected to grow in the next decade. That means troops who often pride themselves on keeping a low profile are slowly coming out in the open to talk more about what they do in hopes that potential recruits consider joining.

The unit in Rota has nearly 50 people, who support deployed units passing through the Mediterranean Sea region. None are recruiters. Their main job is to help training special operations units keep their skills up and provide command and control aid to those heading to hot spots.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks against the United States, the unit has participated in missions outside of their support roles to meet the growing need for the elite troops.

Many people on base do not know the Navy's unit exists even if they might have passed members in the commissary or

base exchange. But on Friday the unit's rare show-and-tell offered a little glimpse.

Anyone interested in joining the SEALs couldn't have picked a better time and place to get more information and find out if they have what it takes. Those interested in the elite team could also take a test to see if they measure up.

Rota is one of two sites in Europe that offer pre-screening tests for potential SEALs recruits. Stuttgart, Germany, is the other.

"We'll take the kids to the pools and run them," Oden said. "There's a certain standard that they've got to go through. We can test them and do the paperwork for them to be able to go to the program."

Finding people who can do it is a challenge. About 80 percent of the people who show up for SEALs training do not finish, so special warfare community has to be selective, Oden said.

What sets the Navy SEALs apart from the other special operations forces is water. Unlike the

Dean Oden  
Chief Warrant Officer 3

other branches, Navy recruits have to master warfare skills on land and water. "A lot of people want to be divers when the weather's nice," said Chief Petty Officer Scott Jarrard, the unit's head diver. "They don't see us when it's 30 degrees and raining sideways."

Most of the high school seniors who toured the exhibit probably won't become special operations troops or Navy divers. But some students enjoyed talking to the SEALs and getting a better appreciation for what they do.

Billyjack Jory, 17, was one of them. He will head to boot camp next June to become a Marine and already has a "U.S.M.C." tattoo on his right shoulder. Although he doesn't plan on becoming a SEAL, it is possible he could work with them as a Marine.

"It wouldn't be a bad job," Jory said. "I respect what they do. They're good at what they do and they help out the Marines a lot."

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Above: Chris Orem, 13, holds a grenade launcher Friday at Naval Station Rota, Spain, as Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Morgan Morgan and Petty Officer 2nd Class Will Brenes, both Navy SEALs, look on.

Naval Special Warfare Unit 10 showed off some of their equipment as part of its 10th anniversary of the unit's arrival at the base in southwest Spain.

Left: Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad Voudren demonstrates the proper way to don a head scarf in desert conditions. The unit used to demonstrations to try to recruit new members from the base's class of high school seniors, distributing brochures and administering tests to interested students. Rota is one of two sites in Europe that offer such pre-screening tests.



Voudren shows a high school senior how to properly wear a scarf in desert conditions. Most of the students who toured the exhibit probably won't become SEALs, but many enjoyed talking to the unit's members and getting a better appreciation for what they do.

# DOD health official: Flu-shot shortage is 'manageable'

BY SAM AMRHEIN

Stars and Stripes

As a result of the Pentagon's ongoing efforts to get the influenza vaccine to deployed troops and high-risk individuals, there is a chance of a "low flu season," the Department of Defense's top health official said recently.

Dr. William Winklenwerder, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the shortage of flu shots is "a very manageable problem, a very manageable situation," according to a news release from American Forces Press Service.

Although the military has received only 60 percent of the sup-

## U.S. Army promises to take care of troops and high-risk patients in Europe

ply it requested, the military should be able to manage the situation without any difficulty, Winklenwerder said in the release.

In Europe, Army medical officials have received very little of the vaccine so far, but will make every effort to make sure troops and high-risk individuals are taken care of, said Cynthia Vaughn, spokeswoman for the European Regional Medical Center.

"The vaccines we have received so far were sent down-range," Vaughn said in a tele-

phone interview Saturday. "And the vaccines that we expect to receive in November will be given to soldiers who are expected to deploy."

But, Vaughn said, as soon as more of the vaccine becomes available, the medical command would let high-risk individuals know where they can go to get vaccinated.

"We will be putting out information at the hospital, at the clinics, and in the news media to let them know the vaccine is available," Vaughn said. "We will identify who they are and let them know where they can get (the shot)."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, high-risk individuals are children ages 6 months to 2 years, adults older than 65, pregnant women and anyone with underlying health conditions. The CDC estimates that 84.9 million people fall into the high-risk category.

The CDC also suggests health care workers and those caring for children younger than 6 months receive the flu shot, bringing the total number of vaccines needed to 98.2 million, according to the CDC Web site.

The CDC estimates about 58 million doses of the vaccine will be available this flu season.

Because of the shortage, DOD health officials have started a campaign to help prevent the spread of the disease. In the news release, Winklenwerder mentioned preventive practices such as washing hands frequently and covering up when coughing or sneezing.

"If a person feels sick, he said, 'don't come to work. Don't spread an illness.'"

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# Weapons: Troops prefer light and reliable tools

## WEAPONS, FROM PAGE 3

■ M-4 assault carbine: Light, reliable and versatile enough for both urban fighting and longer shots demanding accuracy up to 200 meters. The carbine's shorter barrel and lower muzzle velocity seems to have more knockdown power than the M-16A2 even though it's still a 5.52 mm round.

■ M-240B: A light machine gun with a high rate of fire (about 800 rounds per minute), accuracy out to more than 3,000 meters, dependability and a larger, 7.62 mm round.

Perhaps the least liked weapon in the U.S. arsenal is the M-9 Beretta automatic pistol. Knocks against the M-9 include the 9 mm round's lack of knock-down power, the pistol's lack of "feel" in the shooter's hand and problems with its clip spring.

U.S. Special Forces soldiers — who get weapons unavailable to troops in conventional units — typically are issued the only other automatic 9 mm pistol in the official Army inventory, the Sig-Sauer P-228, dubbed the M-11, made by a German-Swiss consortium.

A few Special Forces types carry variations of the M-9 replaced, the Colt Model

1911, which fires a .45-cal. round.

"It was a sad day when the U.S. Army gave up the 1911," one Special Forces officer in Afghanistan told Stars and Stripes.

One of the few U.S. weapons to receive mixed reviews is the Mark19 grenade launcher. When it works, it's considered one of the most potent weapons available to infantry soldiers. The Mk-19 has the capability to fire 40 mm grenade at more than 350 per minute, and place them accurately at more than 2,000 meters. But soldiers told Stars and Stripes the Mk-19 is susceptible to jamming.

The Mk-19 has been around since the Vietnam War and has a good track record, said Charles Cutshaw, small arms editor for Jane's International Defense Review magazine. But he's seen weapons stop working in cold weather due to lubricants turning solid, Cutshaw said.

He recommends a lubricant designated MIL-COMM TW25B.

"It works in every climate and there is a spray that is essentially a dry lube for the kind of powder sand they get over there," Cutshaw wrote in an e-mail.

—Terry Boyd

# Army extended Halliburton contract despite objections

BY LARRY MARGASAK  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army extended a Halliburton Co. troop support contract over the objections of a top contracting officer, even contending — and then withdrawing — a claim that U.S. forces faced an emergency if the company didn't get the extra work.

"I wrote directly on the document the weaknesses so that all could clearly see," contracting official Buntamine Greenhouse wrote a top general this month in questioning the extended troop support contract in the Balkans.

Greenhouse has had problems with the \$2 billion contract at least since January 2002, when she wrote, "There is little or no incentive for the contractor to reduce or keep cost down."

Greenhouse complained, in writing, Oct. 5 to Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, that the Corps should not have halted plans to let companies compete for a successor Balkans contract. She is the Corps' top contracting officer.

Corps officials initially justified stopping the bidding by concluding that a "compelling emergency" would exist if Halliburton's work were to be interrupted.

When Greenhouse challenged the justification and sought an explanation of the emergency, however, Corps officials changed their reasoning. The new explanation was that Halliburton subsidiary KBR was the "one and only" company that could do the job.

Greenhouse wrote Strock that "the truth should be clearly explained" about the reason for halting competition.

She not only complained there was no explanation of what drove officials to cite an emergency, but, refer-

ring to the second justification, added: "It is not reasonable to believe that only one source responded to the solicitation."

Greenhouse, who has said she was frozen out of decisions on Halliburton, went public last weekend with allegations that Army officials showed favoritism to the company.

The FBI has asked Greenhouse's lawyers for an interview with her. The bureau has launched a criminal investigation of Halliburton's no-bid work.

The Associated Press has obtained dozens of documents that Greenhouse intends to provide to investigators.

The Balkans contract was to have ended May 27 but has been extended through next April. The extension was so politically sensitive that a Corps official, William Ryals, sent a memo to Corps headquarters in July seeking high-level approval.

"The reason for sending it to (headquarters) for approval is because this is so controversial in regard to this firm," the memo said. "If it had been any other firm, we would have said this and moved forward without any further consideration. Given that the firm is KBR (the Halliburton subsidiary) and that we are in an election year and coming up to the peak in the election season soon, I sent to (headquarters) for concurrence."

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said, "This is very old information. The issue mentioned about the Balkans was fully dealt with and resolved several years ago, and since then KBR has received high marks from the Army on our Balkans Support Contract."

In a letter to Corps employees on Friday, Strock said the Army is investigating Greenhouse's allegations and therefore would not respond to the allegations "to ensure that a fair investigation can proceed."

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## J A M I E F O X

Ray Charles went blind at the age of 7. With the staunch support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve, wit and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to overcome not only Jim Crow Racism and the cruel prejudices against the blind, but also discover his own sound which revolutionized American popular music. Nonetheless, as Ray's unprecedented fame grew, so did his weakness for drugs and women, until they threatened to strip away the very things he held most dear.

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# Officials remind people to update travel papers

## Passports, SOFA stamps should be fixed now

BY JESSICA INGO

Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — Holiday vacationers in Germany may have their visions of sugarplums turned into sour grapes if travel documentation isn't up to date.

Passport expiration dates and Status of Forces Agreement stamps needed for travel by Americans living or working in U.S. military communities in Germany should be looked at now to ensure upcoming holiday trips are hassle free, an Army official said.

Lanny Hall, 1st Personnel Command chief of the personnel services branch, said holiday travelers are cutting it close if they have not already checked these items before heading to the airport.

At least three months should be given for tourist passport renewals, and travelers should check to ensure they have the new SOFA stamp before Jan. 15, Hall said.

German officials will not recognize passports with the old SOFA certificate or rubber stamp in them after the January date, he said.

These SOFA stamps have two purposes.

First, it serves as a visa, allowing civilian contrac-

tors and family members living overseas to stay in Germany longer than the 90-day tourist length.

Second, the SOFA stamp identifies these Americans in Germany with tax-exempt status, allowing them to shop in military stores.

To get a passport renewal or the new SOFA stamp, Hall said, to go to local passport offices, which are usually located with ID card offices on military installations.

"Obviously, people should not allow passports to expire," Hall said, citing emergency situations where passports would be necessary.

He also said travelers should ensure the expiration date goes throughout the duration of travel.

"They might be able to get back to the States, but many people have problems returning," he said.

Though, Hall said the passport process has become more expeditious, it's still important to put in renewal paperwork as early as possible.

"We encourage people to do renewal paperwork at least three months prior to travel, just to make sure."

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## One good yank



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Greg Jacomet of the Ohio Army National Guard pulls hard Saturday morning on a stubborn shrub in the village of Mildenhall, England. Jacomet, now assigned to the 100th Security Forces Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, joined about 25 others from the base who volunteered to help the group Mildenhall in Bloom clean a patch of the town.

## 4 paratroopers hurt in Black Hawk crash

The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Four paratroopers were injured when an Army helicopter on a night flight training trip crashed into trees 50 miles west of Richmond, Va., but another helicopter returned safely to Fort Bragg.

The UH-60 Black Hawk from the 82nd Airborne Division crashed about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday while the crew was using night-vision goggles. Another Black Hawk flying with the chopper that crashed returned to Fort Bragg safely.

The helicopters — which car-

ried a crew of four — were assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Brigade. Names of the injured crewmembers weren't released because division officials said they still were notifying family members.

The pilot was the most severely injured and was in critical condition at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Va.

Three other crewmembers were treated at the scene for minor injuries and were taken to an emergency room in Farmville, Va., for further evaluation, 82nd Aviation Brigade commander

Col. Perry Wiggins said Thursday.

Wiggins said there were no reports of malfunctions in the helicopter before the flight.

Both the pilots were combat veterans, Wiggins said, and had flown in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This was the second crash of a Fort Bragg Black Hawk this year.

In April, three soldiers were killed when a Black Hawk crashed in the median of Interstate 95, about 400 yards north of the Great Pee Dee River in Dillon County, S.C.

That crew also was on a training mission using night-vision goggles.



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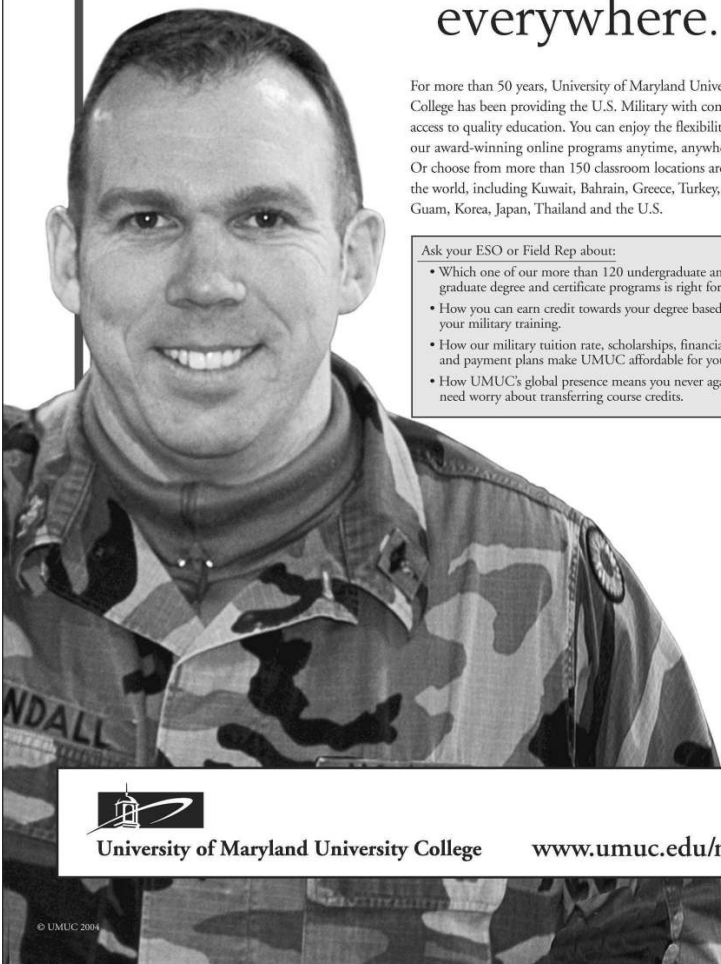
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# 8 Marines killed in Iraq

## 9 others wounded in bloodiest day of war since May

BY EDWARD HARRIS

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — Insurgents killed eight U.S. Marines on Saturday in the deadliest attack against the U.S. military in nearly six months. Marines pounded guerrilla positions outside Fallujah where American forces are gearing up for a major assault on the insurgent stronghold.

In Baghdad, a car bomb exploded outside an Arabic satellite television news bureau, killing seven people and injuring 19 in the biggest attack against a news organization since the occupation began last year.

The U.S. command said nine other Marines were injured in the attack in western Anbar province, which includes Fallujah and other insurgent strongholds. Maj. Clark Watson, with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said a car bomb went off next to a truck southwest of Baghdad, between the capital and Fallujah.

It was the biggest number of American military deaths in a single day since May 2, when nine U.S. troops were killed in separate mortar attacks and roadside bombings in Baghdad, Ramadi and Kirkuk.

American forces are preparing for a major assault on the rebel bastion of Fallujah in an effort to restore control to a swath of Sunni Muslim towns north and west of the capital ahead of crucial national elections due by Jan. 31.

On Saturday, insurgents fired mortars at Marine positions outside Fallujah. They responded with "the strongest artillery barrage in recent weeks," according to Marine spokesman 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert.

Later in the afternoon, a Marine Harrier jet bombed a guerrilla mortar position inside Fallujah, then strafed it with machine-gun fire, Gilbert said. He had no reports of insurgent casualties.

Crowds of Iraqis peered skyward as a pair of warplanes circled over the rebel-held city, from where large explosions rumbled Saturday afternoon. Insurgents sent rockets and mortars toward U.S. Marine positions.

"This is very painful for Fallujah. I think they're destroying the town and killing families there," said Saadoun Mohamed, a 35-year-old driver near Fallujah.

"It's very complicated. I don't know how to solve this problem," he said through an Iraqi Marine translator.

Clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents also broke out Saturday in Ramadi, west of Fallujah. Hospital officials said two policemen were killed and four Iraqis injured in the crossfire, said Dr. Saleh al-Duleimi of the Ramadi General Hospital.

In Baghdad, the car bomb exploded outside the office of the Al-Arabiya television network, a satellite broadcaster based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Seven people were killed and 19 injured, according to police and hospital officials.

Three bodies, including one of a woman, were mangled beyond recognition, said Al-Arabiya correspondent Najwa Qassem. She said they could not tell if any of the three bodies were those of Al-Arabiya employees. However, she confirmed that one guard and one administration worker were among the dead.

The blast collapsed the first floor of the building, where staffers were holding a meeting, said Saad al-Husseini, a correspondent of MBC, a sister channel of Al-Arabiya based in the same building.

Employees "were trapped between fire and the shattering shards of glass," he said. That



Marines of the 1st Division get a briefing prior to a mission outside Fallujah on Saturday. Eight Marines were killed Saturday in fighting in the Anbar province, which includes Fallujah. The deaths came as U.S. forces are gearing up for a major assault on the city.

"led to the high number of casualties. We were all there."

A militant group calling itself the "1920 Brigades" claimed responsibility for the attack, blasting Al-Arabiya as "Americanized spies speaking in Arabic tongue" in a statement posted on the Web. The station is owned by Saudi investors.

"We have threatened them to no avail that they are the mouth-

piece of the American occupation in Iraq," the statement said. It warned of more attacks against this "treacherous network." It was impossible to verify the claim's authenticity.

South of Baghdad, witnesses said Iraqi forces opened fire randomly and threw hand grenades, hitting three minibuses and three vans, after a U.S. convoy came under attack Saturday.

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# Long-silent bin Laden re-emerges in tape

BY SUSAN SEVAIREID  
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden changed his usual sharply militant rhetoric to address Americans in a more conciliatory tone — though one tinged with threat — in his new video, dropped off at the Pakistan offices of Al-Jazeera television days ahead of the U.S. presidential election.

While the message was directed to Americans, the video aired Friday had something to encourage al-Qaida supporters around the world: the image of bin Laden — dressed in dignified, clean robes — looking and sounding fit, firmly in control and well informed on current events despite three years on the run from U.S. forces.

In the video, bin Laden acknowledged for the first time di-

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rectly that he ordered the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and said he did so because of injustices against the Lebanese and Palestinians by Israel and the United States.

He said the United States must stop threatening the security of Muslims if it wants to avoid "another Manhattan" and while he did not directly warn of new attacks, he warned: "There are still reasons to repeat what happened."

"Your security is not in the hands of Kerry, Bush or al-Qaida. Your security is in your own hands," bin Laden said. "Any state that does not mess with our security has naturally guaranteed its own security."

Al-Jazeera, which is based in Qatar, received the 18-minute videotape at its offices in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, where "somebody dropped it yesterday at the gate," Ahmad Muaffaq Zaidan, the Pakistan bureau chief, said Saturday.

"The guard brought it to me along with other mail. It was in an envelope, I opened it and it was a big scoop," he said.

Bin Laden and his top deputy, Egyptian surgeon Ayman al-Zawahiri, are both believed to be hiding in the mountains that straddle the Afghan-Pakistan border, although there has been no hard evidence of their whereabouts for more than three years.

Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao said authorities have no information about who might have given the network the tape, but he stuck to Pa-



Al-Jazeera/AP

In an undated video broadcast Friday on Al-Jazeera, Osama bin Laden said the United States can avoid another Sept. 11-like attack if it stops threatening the security of Muslims.

kistan's position that there was no proof bin Laden was in the country. "We have no idea where they got it," he told AP. "I don't think he is in Pakistan."

In Afghanistan, the U.S. military dismissed the videotape as "propaganda," and insisted bin Laden would be caught.

"Although we don't have a time-frame for when bin Laden will be captured, we have full confidence that he will be," U.S. military spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson told reporters.

Asked where bin Laden was hiding, Nelson said the military still suspected he could be somewhere near the Afghan-Pakistan border.

The video was cannily timed, four days before Tuesday's presidential elections in the United States, and it aimed to debunk any contention that bin Laden is cut off from the world.

The aging terror mastermind has a long, grey beard, wearing clean, traditional white robes, a turban and a golden cloak, standing behind a table with papers in front of a brown curtain that hides any background. His hands were steady as he addressed the camera, gesturing when he made a point.

It was a contrast to the last video of bin Laden, issued on Sept. 10, 2003, in which he was shown — without speaking — strolling with al-Zawahiri on a rocky terrain and carrying assault rifles.

"It was a surprise to see him back again," said Abdul Khaleq Abdullah, a political analyst in the United Arab Emirates and professor at Emirates University in al-Ain. "It was a surprise he was in good health; it was a surprise he was in control of his thoughts. ... This will emerge much of his followers."

## Excerpts from Osama bin Laden's statement

"To the American people, my talk to you is about the best way to avoid another Manhattan, about the war, its reasons and its consequences ... I tell you: Security is an important element of human life, and free people do not give up their security. Unlike what Bush says that we hate freedom, let him tell us why didn't we attack Sweden, for example.

"Even as you enter the fourth year after the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush is still misleading and deluding you and hiding the real reason from you. Consequently, there are still reasons to repeat what happened. I will tell you about the reasons behind these attacks and I will tell you the truth about the moments during which the decision was made, for you to contemplate.

"God knows that it had not occurred to my mind to attack the towers, but after our patience ran out and we saw the injustice and inflexibility of the American-Israeli alliance toward our people in Palestine and Lebanon, this came to my mind. The incidents that affected me directly go back to 1982 and afterward, when American-allowed Israelis to invade Lebanon, with the help of the American 6th Fleet. ...

"While I was looking at these destroyed towers in Lebanon, it sparked in my mind that the tyrant should be punished with the same and that we should destroy towers in America, so that it tastes what we taste and would be deterred from killing our children and women.

"We did not find it difficult to deal with Bush and his administration, because it is similar to regimes in our countries, half of which are ruled by the military and the other half are ruled by the sons of kings and presidents. We have a long experience with them. Both types include many who are full of arrogance and greed. ...

"It appeared to him [Bush] that a little girl's talk about her goat and its butting was more important than the planes and their butting of the skyscrapers. That gave us three times the required time to carry out the operations, thank God. ..."

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# Army extends Iraq tours for 6,500

## Troops from 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and 1st ID will remain

By ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army has extended by two months the Iraq tours of about 6,500 soldiers, citing a need for experienced troops through the Iraqi elections scheduled for late January.

No official statement was released, but the Pentagon's public affairs office posted an article on its Web site Saturday that said 3,500 soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and 3,000 from the 1st Infantry Division headquarters will remain in Iraq at least two months longer than planned.

The Army had scheduled those units for 10-month deployments, rather than the usual 12-month tours, to stagger the rotation of forces in and out of Iraq this winter to avoid overburdening transportation systems. Instead they will remain to provide security through the elections.

The Pentagon article spoke of "the troops' frustration" over having their tours extended. It said some of the soldiers had been told they would be leaving Iraq as early as November. Instead they will stay through January.

Army Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, requested the extensions in late September, and his immediate superior, Army Gen. John Abizaid, made the decision Oct. 16, the Pentagon article said.

The decision appeared to mark the second time in recent weeks that soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, have had their Iraq deployments extended.

On Oct. 4 the U.S. military command in Baghdad announced that rather than complete its redeployment to Fort Hood, Texas, in December, the brigade was to begin heading home in January.

On Saturday, the Pentagon said those soldiers will begin their return in mid-February, with the last ones due out by mid-March.

The 3,000 soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division headquarters, based in Würzburg, Germany, will remain in Iraq until mid-February or mid-March.

They previously were scheduled to have been replaced in January, before the elections, by the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters of the New York National Guard.

The Pentagon public affairs article said officials had considered deploying the New York guardsmen to Kuwait before moving them into Iraq, but they decided against that "in light of the high threat level in Kuwait."

It did not elaborate on the threat in Kuwait. The 42nd Infantry will be the first division-level National Guard deployment into combat since World War II, reflecting the extraordinarily heavy reliance the Army is placing on the Guard to provide troops for the Iraq mission.

More than 40 percent of the U.S. force in Iraq is Guard or Reserve.

## Ga. contractor killed

COLUMBUS, Ga. — A former sheriff's deputy who friends said quit his job to join a security consulting firm so he could help out in Iraq was killed in a car bomb attack, reports said.

Travis Schnoor, 39, a former Army Ranger at Fort Benning, died Wednesday after the vehicle in which he was riding flipped over after hitting an improvised explosive device near Abu Ghraib, about 20 miles west of Baghdad, the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer reported.

Schnoor's wife, Alyce, and 9-year-old son, Tristan, were notified by Muscogee County sheriff's deputies, the newspaper said.

Schnoor was a former bomb technician with the department.

In a telephone interview with The Monroe (Wis.) Times, Schnoor's friend John Clements said he had wanted to help out in Iraq, but was too old to go back into the Army. So Schnoor resigned from the sheriff's department and joined Century Battle of Rhode Island, a security consulting firm, Clements said.

From The Associated Press

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at least 1,111 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 848 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 973 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count.

That includes at least 739 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest death reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identification reported by the South Carolina National Guard:

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# Helping Iraqi children comforts U.S. troops

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — They buy chewing gum from children outside the exchange in the International Zone or sneak food to others on patrols around Baghdad.

Charities, military commands and individuals have donated thousands of school supplies, shoes and provisions to help the children of Iraq, but ordinary soldiers and Marines are also finding comfort and humanity in their daily interaction with local children.

Across Iraq, servicemembers give out candy and water to let kids see a softer side to warriors.

"We're out there every day working with the kids. Some even recognize us, and remember our name," Marine Cpl. David. P.

Meinhold, a reconnaissance Marine with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Najaf, said in an e-mail.

It's more than just a warm fuzzy.

That interaction helps time pass, helps distinguish the good guys from the bad, and could help the future of Iraq, according to mental health professionals and the servicemembers themselves.

"I think it gives Marines and soldiers something meaningful to do other than fighting. For the most part, [They're] only fighting a small percentage of their time here," said Army Reserve Capt. Michael Brand, a clinical social worker with the 1908th Combat Stress Control Detachment. Brand is also an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Public Health.

"It also reinforces the big picture — the mission, which is to liberate and improve the quality of life in Iraq," he said.

Servicemembers give a more simplistic reason for interacting with kids: to kill time.

"We do mess with the kids. It helps pass the time more. It's something to do besides just sitting here," said Spc. Gary Hiatt, with the 89th Military Police Brigade in Baghdad.

Children coming by to sell things and hang around are the only entertainment for soldiers waiting by their vehicles in the International Zone between patrols.

Servicemembers say they don't put much thought into the interaction. Their families might send gifts to give out to the kids. But many say they don't feel compelled to help because of guilt or

because their commands tell them to.

"It's just for kicks," Hiatt said. "We're bored, there's nothing else to do."

Out on patrols, the interaction can serve a greater purpose.

Children have informed soldiers and Marines about weapons caches. They've helped tear down anti-coalition posters in Baghdad.

"Sometimes, they'll help us with stuff. A lot of them like to do things for you," said Sgt. Nathan Melton, with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment with the Oregon National Guard serving in Baghdad.

"I think getting out and having [humanitarian assistance] interaction helps distinguish between average folks and the bad guys," Brand said.

For servicemembers angry

about some of their experiences here, interacting with children can dissipate the anger, he said.

"It's weird. Initially we're out there holding security, trying to be a hard target," said Meinhold. "We don't want to drop our guard. But the kids will run right up to us and start talking to us immediately."


Servicemembers say the children can get out of hand or mouthy, but they also can be endearing.

"They're impressed us. They're tough. That's one thing I've noticed," Melton said.

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## Bin Laden tape refocuses candidates

Bush, Kerry argue over who can best fight global war on terrorism after new tape airs

BY CALVIN WOODWARD  
AND DEB RIEGMANN  
*The Associated Press*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry charged into a sharp final round of argument Saturday over which one can best fight global terrorism, the import of their debate underscored by Osama bin Laden's sudden reappearance on tape at "a time of great consequence," in the words of the president.

"The person that sits in the Oval Office will determine the outcome of the war on terror and the economy," Bush told supporters in Grand Rapids, Mich., after directing his national security aides to take any necessary steps in response to the bin Laden tape.

Kerry was in the Midwest battleground states, too, campaigning in Appleton, Wis., where he pledged to "lead the world in fighting a smarter, more effective, tougher, more strategic war on terror."

"We will make America safer," the Massachusetts senator said, renewing his charges that Bush was responsible for letting bin Laden slip away and that the president's rush to war in Iraq had diverted needed forces from Afghanistan.

Vice President Dick Cheney made his pitch in Pennsylvania, suggesting that bin Laden's latest message underscores the importance of staying focused on the fight against terrorism.

"It is a contest we did not choose, but it is one that we will win," Cheney told a cheering crowd as he pressed his criticism of Kerry's stands on national security.

The campaign back-and-forth played out as the U.S. military in Iraq announced that eight Marines were killed and nine wounded in action Saturday in Anbar province in west of Baghdad.

Bush held a videoconference call with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and the heads of the CIA, FBI and departments of Justice and Homeland Security. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the president directed them to make sure any necessary action is taken with regard to the tape.

McClellan did not say what steps were being taken or contemplated. He played down the possibility of the administration raising the threat advisory level, currently at "yellow," or elevated, for most of the country. He did rule out Bush curtailing his campaign schedule to deal with the new video message.

The presidential candidates responded with reflexive gestures of unity to the sight of America's deadly foe on video, but those were swallowed up in the lunge for advantage in the campaign's closing days.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., campaigning for Bush in Connect-

icut, predicted Saturday that the bin Laden message would give the president a boost in the campaign's closing days by focusing attention on terrorism.

Mike McCurry, and adviser to Kerry, rejected the idea that

Kerry was using the tape for political ends, disputing Republican criticism and saying, "It's hard to imagine how they could make that charge since he's the one that referenced the tape in his vicious attack on Senator Kerry last

night."

Kerry, for his part, hoped the issue would play to his advantage, pledging to defend the nation as president, just as he did as a young soldier in Vietnam.

On the videotape, bin Laden ex-

plistically acknowledged responsibility for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks for the first time and told Americans: "Your security is not in the hands of Kerry or Bush or al-Qaida. Your security is in your own hands."



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# New bin Laden tape could influence election

By TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The timing of Osama bin Laden's suggestion that the United States could face another terrorist attack hardly seems coincidental, coming mere days before the U.S. presidential election. The political impact is uncertain and cuts both ways.

It bolsters President Bush's argument that the world is a dangerous place and plays to his strength as commander in chief in fighting the war on terror. But it also underscores Democratic Sen. John Kerry's criticism of the Republican incumbent for not doing more to hunt down bin Laden, vividly dramatizing that the al Qaeda leader still is very much at large more than three years after the attacks on the United States.

"Bush can remind people that the war on terror is still on and Senator Kerry can remind people that Bush has the wrong priorities by going after Saddam Hussein instead of Osama bin Laden," said Ed Sarpolus, a nonpartisan Michigan pollster.

Bin Laden, in a videotape aired Friday, took responsibility directly for the first time for the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and mentioned both Bush and Kerry by name. Reading a statement, the al Qaeda leader said the United States can avoid another attack if it stops threatening the security of Muslims.

"Your security is not in the hands of Kerry, Bush or al Qaeda.

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Laden said. "Each state that does not mess with our security has naturally guaranteed its own security."

The videotape set off a political firestorm just four days before the election, a contest in which the war in Iraq and the broader war on terror are major issues.

But political strategists had mixed views on how the development could affect the race — or what bin Laden's motivation may have been.

"I think it's a reminder to voters of Bush's greatest failure as commander in chief," said Democratic strategist Jim Jordan, who used to work for Kerry.

"It reminds people that he's at large, and that Bush has had more than three years to capture him."

Furthermore, in an overt swipe at Bush, bin Laden made specific mention of Bush continuing to read to kids in Florida while the attacks were under way — a scene documented in liberal filmmaker Michael Moore's anti-Bush film, "Fahrenheit 9/11."

"It appeared to him (Bush) that a little girl's talk about her goat and its butting was more important than the planes and

their butting of the skyscrapers. That gave us three times the required time to carry out the operations, thank God," bin Laden said in the tape.

Republican consultants and some independent analysts suggested that the bin Laden tape, and its express criticism of Bush, could touch off a rally-around-the-president effect so close to the election.

Americans don't like outsiders trying to interfere with their elections "and that kind of sentiment in my judgment would benefit Bush," said GOP consultant Joe Gaylord.

U.S. intelligence officials say they believe the tape was made recently and are intrigued that it carried English subtitles — a first for the terrorist leader, and a possible indication that it was made mainly for a U.S. audience.

Kerry wasted little time in reiterating his argument that Bush squandered an opportunity in going after Saddam Hussein instead of concentrating on pursuing bin Laden. "He didn't choose to use American forces to hunt down Osama bin Laden. He outsourced the job."

He also made a statement expressing his determination to fight terrorism aggres-

sively.

"They are barbarians, and I will stop at absolutely nothing to hunt down, capture or kill the terrorists wherever they are, whatever it takes, period," Kerry said.

Bush's reaction was terse: "Let me make this very clear. Americans will not be intimidated or influenced by an enemy of our country. I'm sure Senator Kerry agrees with this. I also want to say to the American people that we are at war with these terrorists, and I am confident that we will prevail."

Michael O'Hanlon, a foreign policy scholar at the Brookings Institution, said he has no doubt that bin Laden timed his message to coincide with the U.S. election. "But I don't think he has a real preference in the election. He just knew it was a time when Americans would be paying attention," O'Hanlon said. "He doesn't have a reasonable advice. I just know how he can grab people's attention."

It remains unclear whether voters will perceive the bin Laden tape — which does not contain an explicit threat — as a threat to the United States, said G. Terry Madonna, a professor and pollster at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

"If it's threatening, it may marginally help Bush," Madonna said.

But he said Kerry would get limited mileage from reminding voters that Bush hasn't caught bin Laden because "people have been very realistic about that" and generally haven't blamed Bush for failing to find bin Laden.

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# Court blocks GOP voter challenges in Ohio

Republicans had sought to contest 20,000 registrations in swing state before Election Day

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A federal appeals court Friday blocked the Republicans from contesting more than 20,000 voter registrations in Ohio before Election Day.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati turned down several GOP appeals of a lower court judge's order that stopped hearings on the contested registrations.

The action could mean the hearings might never take place, since they must be held within two days of the election, the Republicans said. The lower court judge was considering whether to make her temporary order permanent, and decided to resume taking evidence Monday.

Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro and the Ohio Republican Party said they would not pursue any further appeals.

Republicans say some of the voter registrations may be fraudulent, because mail

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Mark Weaver

Ohio Republican Party legal counsel

sent to some of the new voters came back undelivered. Democrats say the GOP is trying to keep poor and minorities, who move more often, from voting.

"We are very concerned that the Democratic Party is, lawsuit by lawsuit, trying to dismantle the safeguards in Ohio election law," said Mark Weaver, Ohio Republican Party legal counsel.

David Sullivan, voter protection coordinator for the state Democratic Party, welcomed the appeals court ruling, saying it "clearly shows that this kind of scattershot, broad-net, take-a-guess kind of challenge is not going to be successful and is going to

be slapped down pretty hard by a court that looks at it."

Polls show President Bush and Sen. John Kerry are running even in Ohio. No Republican has ever been elected president without winning Ohio; only two Democrats have done so in 100 years.

The GOP originally challenged about 35,000 voters, but withdrew about 7,500 of those challenges because of mistakes. County elections boards threw out hundreds more. Few registrations have been rejected.

Also Friday, Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell, Ohio's top elections official,

said he wants thousands of election witnesses who can question voters' identities excluded from polling places.

He told state attorneys to make that recommendation in federal court.

Petro immediately declined, saying the request was illegal.

"Neither the secretary of state nor I can negotiate away the legal rights of Ohio citizens," Petro said in a statement.

Blackwell and Petro, both Republicans, are both candidates for governor in 2006. Democrats and Republicans have signed up thousands of polling place witnesses.

Dan Trevas, a spokesman for the Ohio Democratic Party, said the state party supported the idea of removing the witnesses "if this makes the process run more smoothly."

A black couple in Cincinnati has sued to stop Republican poll representatives in Hamilton County, arguing that the GOP is deploying most challengers in precincts with large numbers of black voters. A federal judge in that case told lawyers to be ready to conclude arguments Sunday.

## Early breast cancer drug OK'd by FDA

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration agreed Friday to allow a drug currently used against advanced breast cancer to be prescribed to prevent the disease from recurring in women who have been treated for early forms of the disease.

The agency approved the new use for letrozole, which can now be prescribed for postmenopausal women who have finished five years of treatment with tamoxifen.

The manufacturer, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, sells the drug under the name Femara. The daily tablet costs about \$210 a month, the company said.

The drug offers new therapy to about 100,000 women each year who complete tamoxifen treatment for breast cancer, said Dr. Diane Young, a Novartis vice president.

A clinical study of the drug showed it cut the risk of recurrence by half.

More than 5,000 women in North America and Europe participated in the study. They had the most common form of breast cancer and had completed the recommended five years of tamoxifen treatment.

The women were given either letrozole or a dummy pill. After nearly 2½ years, 132 of those taking the placebo had a cancer recurrence compared to 75 of those on letrozole. The study was stopped so women getting the placebo could be switched to letrozole.

The hormone estrogen fuels the growth of many breast cancers and can encourage a dormant cancer to begin growing again.

Tamoxifen, which blocks estrogen from connecting to cells, is recommended after early breast cancer is treated with surgery and chemotherapy. After five years or so the body can become resistant, and until now, no follow-up treatment has been available. Letrozole also blocks the effects of estrogen.

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# Think you love scary movies?

Researchers say you're actually high on adrenaline and relief

BY RICK CALLAHAN  
The Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** Many teens, and some a bit older, will be spending this Halloween visiting a creepy, ghoul-filled haunted house, or watching a gory, horror flick. They'll say they love to shiver in fear and scream in terror.

Or do they? Researchers say it's actually the adrenaline rush — and the wave of relief once the fright is over — that makes being scared so much fun.

Glenn Sparks, a Purdue University professor, said the euphoria people feel when the credits roll or as they leave a house of horrors is what keeps them coming back, even if they absolutely hate the experience.

"People come away from these movies oftentimes feeling really happy and relieved that the horror is over," said Sparks, who studies people's attraction to the macabre.

"They remember that they felt good and so they say, 'Oh yeah, I like scary movies.' But it's not that they really like being scared. They just felt good afterward."

Sparks said that natural, adrenaline-induced high often lingers long enough to supplant moviegoers' memories of cringing in their seats with a favorable recollection of the experi-

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Indianapolis eighth-grader Ross Dougherty says he likes haunted houses, especially when a ghoul "pops out of the dark and freaks you out."

But it's horror films that are the 13-year-old's passion.

"They're cool because they have gore and fighting and surprises. You know something's

going to happen," Dougherty said.

He recently treated himself to the "Dawn of the Dead" remake and was delighted as the zombie-like dead dined on people.

Dougherty says he's never had nightmares from these movies, but admits to being a bit rattled by eerie scenes in the film "Sleepy Hollow."

Sparks says that for men and boys, in particular, the attraction of horror movies, haunted houses and other unsettling experiences is the ability to conquer something that seems threatening, even though it poses no real harm.

In surveys he's done over the years with Purdue students shown horror films such as "The Exorcist," the students split into one of three camps when questioned afterward.

A third of the students say they enjoyed the film and wanted more; a third said they'd be willing to see more, depending on the film's nature; and the remaining third said they detested it and had seen enough.

For that last group, Sparks said the celluloid horror truly threatened them.

"Fear is really the emotion that comes about when you end up concluding that your own well-being is threatened. That's what fear is," he said.



Todd Chenault holds a portrait of Father Henry David Jardine, who is said to haunt St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Mo.

# Missouri church honors its ghost

BY JEFF DOUGLAS  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — As the legend goes, St. Mary's Episcopal Church is haunted by the ghost of Father Henry David Jardine, a 19th century priest whose footsteps still echo throughout the Gothic-style sanctuary.

On the eve of Halloween, St. Mary's will try to separate fact from fiction by bringing together the ghostly tales and historical documents about Jardine's life, which has been shrouded for years in mystery and intrigue.

"He is quite a legend. And sometimes it's hard to know what to believe," said Todd Chenault, the unofficial church historian who organized Saturday's \$45-a-plate dinner. The event will feature fake fog and music from the church's 30-foot organ.

Chenault, 45, who has gone to St. Mary's all his life, remembers trading spooky stories about Jardine with his fellow Sunday school students in the 1960s. As an adult, however, he has worked to get the true story about the priest.

Rumor has it that Jardine killed himself in the church's third-story living area and was buried in a basement vault. Not true, Chenault said.

Old newspaper clippings show Jardine died in 1886 in St. Louis, not Kansas City. St. Mary's does have a tomb, but the downtown parish that Jardine commissioned was not finished until months after his death. The stigma of suicide kept him from ever resting in the crypt, which instead holds boxes of cereal and canned goods for the needy.

On more than one occasion, Chenault says, he has heard footsteps shuffling from behind the organ. When he was a child, Christmas trees fell off ledges near the instrument for no reason, year after year.

"Have I heard things? Yes, plenty of times," Chenault said. "Have I seen any ghosts? No, never."

According to church archives, from 1879 to 1886 Jardine increased St. Mary's membership, created a hospital and schools for children.

Betty Herndon, who will help lead the Saturday event billed as "The Historic Haunting," said many church members during Jardine's time praised his emphasis on old Roman Catholic ways, but others were not as accepting. Influential members spread rumors, hoping for his resignation, Herndon said.

Jardine also was accused of missing parish funds, drug use and immoral behavior with young church girls. The scandal prompted the priest to file a libel suit against a former editor of The Kansas City Times, John Shea. Jardine died the case.

"It was a kangaroo court; witnesses made outrageous claims with no evidence. You name it," said Chenault, who said he reviewed court documents from the lawsuit.

Jardine then traveled to St. Louis, where his priesthood was revoked. Days before he was scheduled to contest the decision, he was found dead. In his hands, according to newspaper accounts, were a crucifix and rag soaked in chloroform.

Herndon said Jardine commonly inhaled the toxic drug to ease facial muscle spasms, so his death might have been accidental. He said few believed Jardine committed suicide or the allegations that came before. Arriving by train, Jardine's casket was covered in black cloth and his congregation came to view it.

Church archives show St. Mary's buried the priest a day later on unconsecrated ground for \$88. The funeral procession stretched for more than a mile.

Over the past 100 years, Jardine's remains have been exhumed and moved three times, most recently in 2000 to return his remains to St. Mary's. His ashes rest by the organ, under the church's high altar.

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# NASA's 'vomit comet' makes final landing

BY PAM EASTON  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The NASA turbojet notoriously known as the "vomit comet" for its use in training astronauts for weightlessness made its final flight Friday. A few among the two dozen seasoned passengers aboard got sick.

"It's inevitable," test director John Yanic said.

NASA's "Weightless Wonder" KC-135, a four-engine turbojet, was more commonly used by researchers to conduct experiments in a zero-gravity environment.

Yanic proudly told those who attended a post-flight briefing that over the years, the plane's crew had cleaned up at least 285 gallons of vomit.

"They are there to do the research in the microgravity environment so if it means cleaning up a little bit of vomit then so be it, we do it," Yanic said of researchers who conduct experiments as the plane climbs and dives.

Everyone aboard the plane carries a "sick bag" in their flight suit; plastic bags are available to lock away the odor, said Donn Sickorez, who coordinates college

students who conduct experiments aboard the plane.

"It's just not a big deal," said Sickorez, who was ill his first time up. "The point is to enjoy it and get good scientific data and not to feel bad."

The KC-135's final flight lasted almost three hours and made 50 of the steep climbs and dives it used to achieve between 20 and 30 seconds of weightlessness at a time.

During the flight, researchers evaluated tile repair tools in a zero-gravity environment. Two astronauts assigned to the next shuttle mission, Steve Robinson and Soichi Noguchi, were among about two dozen aboard.

NASA got two KC-135s from the military, which originally used the aircraft for cargo and refueling. The first KC-135 — used in the movie "Apollo 13" — was retired in 2000 and is on permanent display at Ellington Field, not far from the Johnson Space Center.

The final KC-135 will have its usable parts sold off and be placed in permanent storage in Arizona. It will be replaced by a C-9 aircraft next year.

Yanic said since the second KC-135's first flight in 1995, more



The NASA KC-135 "Weightless Wonder," also known as the "vomit comet," lands at Ellington Field in Houston on Friday, after its last training flight. Used for astronauts' weightlessness training, the aircraft is being retired after logging more than 200 hours of weightlessness.

than 2,000 students and 460 college teams have conducted experiments on board.

"We're a laboratory just like any other laboratory at JSC," he said. "We just have to go into the sky to do it."

The aircraft made its final landing at Ellington Field late Friday

afternoon, where it was greeted by two Air Force fire engines. With their lights going, the fire trucks escorted the plane down the runway. They pulled ahead as the aircraft approached Hangar 990 and then opened their water hoses, spraying an arch of water over the plane as it completed its

final voyage.

"It's the end of an era," Yanic added. "It's the closing of one door and the opening of another."

Some traditions won't stop, however. The first person to vomit in the C-9 will probably get "a little plaque — all in good fun, of course," Yanic said.

## Cheney threatened

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A man was charged Friday with making a threat against the life of Vice President Dick Cheney during his campaign visit to Michigan, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Homer O. Shoup Jr. of Wayland made the threats in a 911 call Friday morning, U.S. Attorney Margaret Chiara said.

Before making the 911 call, Shoup dropped off at Grand Rapids station WOOD-TV a videotape and letters that explained his plan, Chiara said.

Shoup remained in custody and was scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids on Sunday morning. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

## Heinz records ruling

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A judge on Friday ordered the unsealing of court records in a 1994 lawsuit by Teresa Heinz Kerry and her sons in the airplane crash that killed her first husband, U.S. Sen. H. John Heinz III.

The judge ruled that nearly all documents related to the case should be made public by Monday.

Attorneys for the Heinz family and state appealed, and the state Supreme Court granted Heinz Kerry's attorneys a stay that would keep the file closed until the court can review their appeal.

## 'American Idol' class

RALEIGH, N.C. — Clay Aiken sang his way to a runner-up finish on the television show "American Idol." This season, fellow North Carolinian Fantasia Barrino won a lucrative recording contract by claiming the title.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte will now cement the show's legacy in the state by offering an academic course about the TV show.

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# Jam Master Jay's killer still on the run

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At his platinum-selling peak, when rap pioneers Run-DMC were a worldwide sensation, Jam Master Jay still drew musical inspiration from the gritty streets of his native Queens.

Two years after a mystery gunman walked into Jay's recording studio and pumped a bullet into his head, those same streets have offered few clues about his killer. On the anniversary of his death on Oct. 30, 2002, family members and investigators say the case has been hampered by dead-end leads, reluctant witnesses and bad publicity.

Investigators say they are certain that Jay, whose real name was Jason Mizell, knew his killer. But they know little else. Not even a \$60,000 reward for information leading to an arrest has elicited a response.

"The case is progressing at a slow rate," said Lt. Richard Belucci of the Queens Homicide Task Force.

One theory — that the rapper was involved in a drug deal gone bad — has cast enough of a cloud over his legacy to stall a proposal that would rename a portion of a Queens street to Jam Master Jay Way.

"It's not a top priority," said Yvonne Reddick, manager of a community board that received a request for the name change.

Family members acknowledge

that Jay, the founding member of Run-DMC, left behind a mountain of debt. But they insist he was not mixed up in drugs. Police "never found any proof of that," said his mother, Connie Mizell-Perry.

During the 1980s, Mizell made rap music history working the turntables as Joe "Run" Simmons and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels rapped on hits like "King of Rock," "It's Tricky" and a Top 40 remake of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."

Mizell's last moments were spent at the 24/7 recording studio.

According to a performer working in the studio, a man wearing a black sweat suit appeared, embraced Mizell, pulled out a .40-caliber pistol and opened fire.

A first round missed Mizell and injured performer Urieco Rincon.

A second bullet, this one fired from point-blank range, entered the left side of Mizell's head. The shooter vanished.

Speculation followed that Mizell was killed because he owed money in a drug deal. Some authorities also suggested that Mizell was caught in the crossfire of a rivalry between rap figures who associate with known criminals.

Rincon has told investigators he did not recognize the shooter.

Others in the studio were of little help and some even have hired lawyers, said Derrick Parker, a retired detective who monitored the rap world for the police department.



Rap group Run DMC — from left, Joseph "Run" Simmons, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels and Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell — poses at the 31st annual Grammy Awards in New York City on March 2, 1988. A mystery gunman killed Jam Master Jay in a Queens recording studio on Oct. 30, 2002. Two years later, his family and police investigators say that the unsolved case has been hampered by dead-end leads, reluctant witnesses and negative publicity.

"Everybody has counsel," Parker said. "It makes it complicated."

But police officials say some witnesses who were at first too scared to talk have started to

open up, and detectives remain hopeful the killer will be caught.

Meanwhile, Mizell's mother has busied herself by raising money for a charitable foundation named after her son. She pre-

fers to focus on his successes in life, not his violent end.

"There's always a good feeling when I think about Jason," she said. "He's here in spirit."

Associated Press writer Michael Weisstein contributed to this report.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Militants threaten to kill hostages seized in Kabul

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A militant group claiming responsibility for kidnapping three foreign U.N. workers said Saturday it will execute them unless Britain withdraws its troops from Afghanistan and two other governments stop supporting U.S. policy here.

A spokesman for Jaish-al Muslimen, a splinter group of the Taliban, told The Associated Press it had made a video of the three hostages — but provided no evidence that it was holding the trio.

Unidentified armed men kidnapped Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan, Kosovan Shipie Habibi and Annetta Flanigan from Northern Ireland in Kabul on Thursday. All were helping managers for Jaish-al Muslimen, or Army of Muslims, said by satellite television.

"If these countries don't agree to our demands, we will do the same thing as the mujahideen are doing in Iraq," Ishaq Manzoor, a purported spokesman for Jaish-al Muslimen, or Army of Muslims, said by satellite television.

Foreign troops under NATO and U.S. command and Afghan security forces have mounted extra patrols and roadblocks in and around Kabul since the election workers were forced from their clearly marked U.N. car into a black sports utility vehicle on a busy street.

But it remains unclear whether militants, renegade warlords or criminals were responsible.

"We don't know exactly who they are," interim leader Hamid Karzai said after a meeting with commanders of NATO troops deployed to bolster Afghan security forces. "We have some leads. We have a list of some people."

"Let's hope the U.N. workers are safe and sound, and we are working very hard to bring them back to their families," said Karzai, who secured a majority in the Oct. 9 presidential vote, although he has yet to be officially declared the country's first popularly elected leader.

Manzoor, who said he was speaking from near the Afghan-Pakistan border, also demanded the release of all Afghan de-



A French soldier from International Security Assistance Force keeps guard at a checkpoint in a residential area of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday. Afghan forces and NATO troops have mounted extra patrols and roadblocks since unidentified armed men on Thursday kidnapped a Filipino diplomat and two U.N. workers.

tainees from the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and that the search for the abductees be called off.

"We may kill them if we could not get a positive response," he said.

He said the video would be released "in two or three days" to an Arab television channel.

He also provided what he said were the numbers from identity cards found on two

of the hostages. Afghan and U.N. officials had no immediate comment on their validity.

Naveed Moez, an Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the government had received no specific demands from the kidnappers. He said government sources had "confirmed" Jaish-al Muslimen's claim of responsibility, but said he was not aware of any negotiations.

## West keeping wary eye on Ukraine vote

BY JIM HEINTZ  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainians vote Sunday in a presidential election closely watched by the West for signs of whether the former Soviet republic is committed to democracy and whether the nation that sprawls between Russia and NATO's eastern flank will tilt toward the Kremlin.

After weeks of opposition complaints of intimidation and abuse by officials, and allegations that the vote count will be rigged, worries about post-election disorder are high.

Some 147,000 police will be on duty throughout the country of 48 million to try to preserve order, and the Interior Ministry additionally plans to deploy about 3,000 soldiers, 3,000 other security forces and some 10,000 deputized civilians in the capital, Kiev, on election day, national police chief Mykola Bilokon said Saturday.

Western countries have repeatedly issued strong calls for Ukraine to conduct the elections freely and fairly, and the United States has raised the prospect of punitive action if the voting is marred by irregularities.

"A bad election ... will force us to re-examine our relationship, especially with individuals who engage in election fraud and manipulation," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage wrote

in the Financial Times newspaper.

The key contenders to lead Ukraine for the next five years are Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, backed by incumbent Leonid Kuchma and inclined toward deepening relations with Russia; and former Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, a reformist seen as interested in developing Ukraine's integration with Western Europe.

After years of post-Soviet economic chaos, Ukraine recently has shown strong economic growth, primarily in its heavy industry sector, and both candidates have

promised to push for even more growth in the country where millions still live in poverty. Despite a 70 percent raise in September, monthly pensions still average only about \$52.

Yanukovich's detractors, however, claim that he will continue Ukraine's crony capitalism under which a comparative few have become extremely wealthy. They also fear he will maintain a climate of pressure against political opposition and independent news media.

The tensions could continue for weeks after the vote; with a total of 24 candidates on the ballot, neither Yushchenko nor Yanukovich is expected to get the 50 percent needed for a first-round victory and the top two vote recipients would have to compete in a Nov. 21 runoff.

## Thousands demonstrate against march by scores of neo-Nazis in Germany

BERLIN — Several thousand demonstrators forced a group of 300 neo-Nazis to abandon the planned route of their march through the eastern city of Potsdam on Saturday, police said.

Some of the about 4,000 demonstrators used burning trash cans as barricades or threw stones and other objects, forcing police to use water cannons to keep the two sides apart.

Four officers were injured, according to police.

The march in Potsdam was organized by Christian Worch, one of Germany's most visible neo-Nazis.

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# U.N. helps to enforce curfew in Liberia

BY JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLE

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Blue-helmeted peacekeepers in flak jackets patrolled the deserted streets of Liberia's capital on Saturday, firing in the air to enforce a round-the-clock curfew after a day of rare Muslim-Christian violence battered the seaside city.

"Don't you know there is a curfew in force? Keep inside your houses!" screamed one U.N. peacekeeper from Ghana, leaning out of a white pickup truck as he waved a machine gun at a small group of people who ventured outside.

Interim head of state Gyude Bryant imposed the curfew in Monrovia on Friday after Muslim-Christian violence that began before dawn degenerated into mayhem and looting sprees in other parts of the city.

Around midday Saturday, Bryant announced that the curfew had been lifted for a few hours to allow people to go out and get food and water, state radio reported. The curfew resumes at 4 p.m.

It was unclear what sparked the mayhem. Religious violence is rare in Liberia, a tiny nation in West Africa founded in the 1800s by freed American slaves where about 40 percent of the country's



**A torched vehicle burns in the Paynesville area of the Liberian capital of Monrovia on Friday. A mob brandishing machetes, sticks and Kalashnikov rifles rampaged through Liberia's war-shattered capital, prompting the country's leader to order an immediate daylight curfew to stem the rare Muslim-Christian violence.**

3.3 million people are Christian and 20 percent are Muslim.

A nationwide program to disarm ex-combatants is to end Sunday, and Bryant said the government believed the violence was organized by "evil forces who do not want to see an end to the disarmament and the success of the peace process."

On Saturday, at least five burnt-out vehicles lay overturned along a main road in Monrovia's eastern district of Paynesville, where several churches and mosques were set ablaze, apparently sparking the violence.

Streets were deserted, shops were shuttered and one destroyed church could be seen still

standing after its roof, set on fire the day before, had collapsed.

It was unclear how many people were killed and injured, but some residents and peacekeepers put the death toll at five.

Liberia is struggling to recover from fighting that began in 1989 and claimed at least 150,000 lives. A three-year war ended last year when rebels shelled the capital, forcing President Charles Taylor to accept a peace deal that entailed exile in Nigeria and paved the way for a transitional government that gave top rebel officials ministerial posts.

A 15,000-strong U.N. peace force is now stationed in the country, which is expected to hold elections in October 2005.

# Docs await results of tests for Arafat

The Associated Press

PARIS — Physicians specializing in leukemia were examining ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday to determine whether he suffers from the blood disorder, Palestinian sources said.

Early test results were expected by Saturday evening. "Within 24 to 48 hours, we should know what he's facing," said top Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdenneh.

The 75-year-old Arafat has been sick for two weeks and blood tests have revealed he has a low platelet count — a possible symptom of leukemia, other cancers or a number of other maladies.

Arafat received a transfusion of platelets shortly after he rushed Friday to France for treatment at the Hôpital d'Instruction des Armées de Percy, a military teaching hospital southwest of Paris that specializes in blood disorders and trauma care.

A Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was a strong possibility Arafat was suffering from leukemia and that a team of French physicians specializing in the dis-

order examined the Palestinian leader on Friday.

"It looks like it's leukemia," the official told The Associated Press.

"They are trying to find out if in fact it is leukemia, and if so, what type. They are trying to see what is the best way to treat it."

However, Abu Rdenneh said he was "sure" Arafat did not have leukemia.

Arafat got out of bed briefly early Saturday and was able to speak a few words to doctors, Palestinian sources said.

But he was still suffering the effects of his long trip from his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah to Paris on Friday.

Arafat could remain in France for four to five weeks, said the Palestinian official.

Meanwhile, The Palestinian leadership convened Saturday without Yasser Arafat in the chair for the first time in years.

Anxious to maintain an air of normalcy, the top committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization held its regular weekly meeting on Arafat's office.

Mahmoud Abbas, the secretary-general of the PLO executive committee, headed the meeting of a dozen members.

# Outspoken Italian gives up his bid for EU position

The Associated Press

ROME — Italy's choice for a European Commission post, who sparked an uproar with his comments on homosexuality and women, said Saturday he will step aside.

Rocco Buttiglione said he wanted to give a free hand to incoming Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso in forming a new executive. He made the announcement at a news conference a few hours after Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi indicated he was withdrawing Buttiglione as Italy's nominee for the justice commissioner post.

"I am ready to step aside to favor the path of the Barroso commission, which I wish every success," Buttiglione said, reading a statement.

Berlusconi said late Friday that he would likely find another nominee to replace Buttiglione for the EU post, while Buttiglione would retain his current post as Italy's minister for European affairs.

Berlusconi said the decision was taken after he met Barroso and other European leaders, who were in Rome on Friday to sign the EU's first constitution.

A committee in the European Parliament earlier this month objected to Buttiglione's nomination for the EU justice post because of his conservative views.

Buttiglione, a Catholic who is a confidant of Pope John Paul II, drew outrage when he told his confirmation hearing at the Euro-

pean Parliament that homosexuality is a sin and women are better off married and at home.

"I have the right to think that homosexuality is a sin,

but this has no effect on politics, because in politics the principle of non-discrimination prevails, and the state has no right to stick its nose in these situations," Buttiglione said, reading from a statement.

He described himself as a victim of an "ably orchestrated campaign" against his of his conservative views.

Under EU guidelines, the Parliament cannot vote out individual nominees for the 25-seat executive Commission, but must vote on the group as a whole. Faced with an almost certain rejection, Barroso on Wednesday withdrew the entire Commission to allow more time for a solution.

The new Commission was to have taken office Monday. The executive arm of the EU runs the day to day business of the European Union and serves five-year terms.

Italian state radio said among the possible substitutes for Buttiglione as Italy's nominee were Foreign Minister Franco Frattini and Education Minister Letizia Moratti.



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# Maps detail Nazi strategy

## 'Goering's Atlas' plots Third Reich arms industry

The Associated Press

BERLIN — A German historian on Thursday published a set of top-secret maps of Nazi Germany's arms industry that were seized from Hermann Goering, the chief of Adolf Hitler's air force, at the end of World War II.

The 33-map collection — titled "Goering's Atlas" — gives insight into the Third Reich's armament strategy and details the origins of the raw materials for the industry behind the German war machine, said Werner Abelschauer, a historian from Bielefeld University.

Goering had responsibility for planning the expansion of the arms industry in 1936. The maps show the sites of plants in Germany and occupied countries that produced powder, explosives and chemicals.

They were reserved for the use of top officials and served as a "symbol and badge of power" for Goering, Abelschauer said.

U.S. soldiers seized the maps at Hitler's Ober-

salzburg complex in the Bavarian Alps after Goering's arrest at the end of the war.

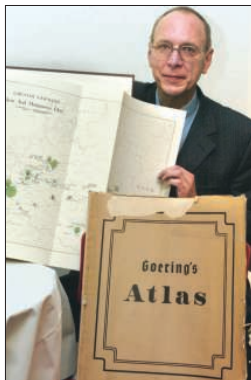
U.S. military authorities photographed them and superimposed English translations of the seas and countries.

The new book reproduces a 1946 American printing that has been stored, largely forgotten, at the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington.

"The German original can't be found," Abelschauer told reporters. He said he was confident of the material's authenticity after conducting extensive research.

Abelschauer said he became aware of the collection last year when a Hamburg woman offered the Archiv-Verlag publishing house a copy that she found in her father's papers. He then discovered another copy at the Library of Congress in Washington.

Goering was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to death at the Nuremberg trials in September 1946. He committed suicide on Oct. 15, 1946, hours before he was to be executed.



German publisher Peter Wille poses behind the original "Goering's Atlas" in the Allied museum in Berlin on Thursday. Maps used by Hermann Goering and other top Nazi officials were seized at the end of World War II and are reprinted in a new book released this week. The 33-map collection gives insight into the Third Reich's armament strategy and war machine.

AP



A caretaker helps an elderly woman near Rome's Villa Pamphili on Oct. 15. Blessed with excellent longevity, Italy has the highest national percentage of people 65 years or older in the world and for a generation now, it has also had one of the lowest birth rates. As a result, Italy's elderly are "ever more alone and ever more lonely," said Emilio Mortilla, a bioethics expert with the Aging Society, an Italian nonprofit group that analyzes the problems of seniors.

AP

## Aging Italians find care in the arms of strangers

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

The Associated Press

ROME — Once upon a time there was a lonely old man.

He lived with seven cats in a village near Rome, and rarely saw his globe-trotting daughter. One day, he took out an ad in the newspaper, seeking to be adopted by a family in need of a grandfather.

Giorgio Angelozzi was flooded with offers, and last month he packed up his clothes, said goodbye to the cats and moved in with a family with two teenage children.

The 80-year-old retired teacher's appeal is a poignant reminder that change is chipping away at a long-fabled pillar of Italian society — the extended family.

Put bluntly, Italy's population is top-heavy with seniors.

With excellent longevity and one of the lowest birth rates in the world, Italy now has the highest national percentage of people 65 years or older — 18.6 percent in 2003, according to the national statistics bureau. Last year, Italians 14 years or younger made up just 14.3 percent of the population.

Factor in women who enter the work force instead of staying home with aging parents or in-laws, and the elderly are "ever

more alone and ever more lonely," said Emilio Mortilla, a bioethics expert with the Aging Society, an Italian nonprofit group that analyzes the problems of seniors.

"Our generation is the first to consider it normal not to live with our elders," Mortilla said.

Volunteer helpers now do much of what family members once did, accompanying the elderly to doctor's appointments or simply keeping them company.

"We have old people who are too ashamed to telephone us and ask for help," said Annamaria Pertosa, a volunteer in Milan with an elderly support group. "Many don't live far away."

Fast growing in popularity is the use of caretakers who spend the day and often the night in the homes of elderly people who live alone.

"Putting an old person in an old-age home is the last resort in our culture," said Massimo Petrini, a theology and humanities professor at Rome's Sapienza University who helped develop a course to train caretakers.

Petrini said many of his 250 students come from Latin American countries, "where the elderly person is still highly valued, like a head of a family."



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## Stool pigeon parrot

**TN** MEMPHIS — Afraid a talkative parrot might prove to be a stool pigeon, three thieves returned to the scene of the crime to silence the bird — only to be caught by police, authorities say.

After making off with DVD players, computers, radios, TVs and other electronic gear, one of the burglars realized that a parrot in the home had heard him use the nickname "J.I." for one of his accomplices and was repeating it.

They went back for the bird and were loading it into the getaway car when police arrived, authorities said. The chase ended a few blocks away when the men crashed their car.

## Political battle

**NJ** HACKENSACK — If campaign ads are any indication, Joel Trella is Sheriff Moonbeam, entranced with how the planets are aligned while inmates slip out of his county jail.

And Leo McGuire, Trella's Democratic challenger, is a hotheaded bully who threatens women.

In the rough-and-tumble of a political campaign, it's said truth is often the first casualty. That seems an apt description for the race for Bergen County sheriff, which grows more hostile by the day. This is a race the likes of which I've never seen before," said Trella, a Republican nearing the end of his third three-year term. "It certainly has gotten extraordinarily nasty."

McGuire says the barbs don't bother him. "In politics, you have to have thick skin," he said. "I've been a cop for a long time, and I have some pretty thick skin."

## Mitten crab invasion

**OR** PORTLAND — The mitten crab may not strike terror into the hearts of the average American along the West Coast — yet.

But give the small crustacean a chance to mate in estuaries from San Diego to Seattle, and millions of mitten crabs later, the prospect of environmental damage, loss of native species and the potential multimillion-dollar cost to the Western regional economy may indeed be terrible, biologists warn.

Portland State University and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center announced they are teaming up to prevent invasions by aquatic pests such as the mitten crab, a native of China.

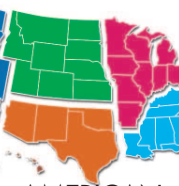
The joint operation will combine the expertise of freshwater biologists at Portland State and the ocean research of Smithsonian scientists, said Mark Symes, director of the Portland State Center for Lakes and Reservoirs.

## Ugly House race

**CO** DENVER — The race in Colorado's newest congressional district has turned ugly in the homestretch, with swastikas scrawled on the signs of Republican Rep. Bob Beauprez and deer entrails left on the doorstep of a Democrat.

"We took it to mean he was dead meat," said Dayna Hanson, spokeswoman for Democrat Dave Thomas.

Thomas, the Jefferson County district attorney, has also been the target of ads criticizing his involve-



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ment in the investigation of the 1999 Columbine High School massacre. And some of Beauprez's campaign volunteers have found glass and nails left under their car tires.

Beauprez won the district in the suburbs west of Denver by just 121 votes two years ago in the last congressional race in the country to be decided. Since then, Democrats have gained a 6,249 majority over Republicans in the district.

But with unaffiliated voters making up a full third of the total, this year's contest has been listed as one of the top 10 targeted races in the country by both parties.

## Bad marriage counseling

**WI** LA CROSSE — A man who said he threw a live electrical wire into his wife's bath giving a near-death experience would say their marriage was convicted of attempted first-degree intentional homicide.

William Dahbly said in court he was only trying to scare his wife the evening of May 9. He told jurors the wire was hooked to a "ground fault interrupter" designed to cut the electricity when the cord encountered water. His wife was not hurt.

Prosecutors said Dahbly was trying to kill his wife to start a new life with another woman.



## Pumpkin art

Tempe Artist Mike Maas shows off his carved pumpkin of The Creature from the Black Lagoon at his Tempe, Ariz., home.

## Stock sales

**AK** ANCHORAGE Attorney General Gregg Renkes sold his stock in KFX Inc. after it was revealed he was trading shares while promoting the company for a proposed state project. He's now under investigation. KFX, a Colorado firm with a patented coal-drying process, is part of a \$1 billion trade agreement between Alaska and Taiwan.

## Musket arrest

**NY** PINE BUSH — A teenage Civil War re-enactor was suspended from school for 21 days after a security guard saw a replica musket in his car.

Joshua Phelps, 17, was arrested Oct. 12 and charged with weapons possession, punishable by up to a year in jail. School officials also found a bayonet, rolled cartridges with black powder and a Union soldier's uniform in his car.

Police have said the replica could have been used to fire a projectile.

Phelps said he joined the re-enactors club in hopes it would look good on his college applications. He said he took part in a re-enactment the weekend before his arrest and forgot the musket was still in his car.

His mother, Valerie Michaels, said she was concerned the suspension would interfere with his plans to take the SAT in November since he is not allowed on school grounds.

## Servitude arrests

**KS** WICHITA — A couple who run a mental health facility forced mentally ill adults to labor on their Kansas farm in the nude and subjected them to other forms of physical abuse, a criminal federal complaint unsealed charges.

Arlan Kaufman, 68, and his wife, Linda, 61, were charged with involuntary servitude in the 1990 incident at their farm home in Potwin. They remained jailed after making an initial appearance before a federal magistrate.

Authorities also said the couple's mental health facility in Newton failed to provide any treatment to its residents for 15 years.

Their attorney, James Fletcher, who is also Linda Kaufman's brother, said the couple is not guilty.

The Kaufmans have operated the Kaufman Treatment Center, also known as the Kaufman House Residential Group Treatment Center, since 1985. About 14 people stayed at the center during that time, authorities said.

## Taking politics too far

**FL** VERO BEACH — An anti-John Kerry demonstrator was charged with felony aggravated assault with a gun for allegedly pointing a weapon at the head of a Kerry supporter.

Michael Garone, 52, was released from jail on his own recognizance.

Garone and others were holding anti-Kerry signs at a street corner in Vero Beach when Trevor Pickering drove up and said "Go Kerry," according to an arrest affidavit.

Pickering argued with the anti-Kerry protesters, and then got out of the car and knocked a sign out of the hands of one of the demonstrators.

Garone denied pointing the gun at anyone.



## Monster ladybug

Lisa Breen of Country Acre Farms & Pet Center plays with her dog

Aurora, wearing a ladybug costume, in Burnt Hills, N.Y.



## Stranger things have happened

A Chinese lion rides the 6 train to Canal Street to kick off a Chinatown shopping promotion as part of the New York subway centennial celebration.



## Hee-haw, look at that!

Ariel Knight, with red scarf, and an unidentified classmate are among a group of children from Bayshore Elementary School watching from the sidewalk as a cattle drive passes by in San Francisco.





**Snow run** Oregon Tech freshman Ben Baker runs a cross-country course at Lake of The Woods near Klamath Falls, Ore., during a snow storm that moved through the area.



**We got spirit! How 'bout you?** Maury High School cheerleader Sierra Jackson, center, and her teammates finish their routine at the Eastern District Cheerleading Championship in Norfolk, Va.



**Taking aim** Eastern New Mexico University freshman Pat Bean, 18, tries to kick the soccer ball through a hole in the goal during the halftime shootout 2004 during halftime of the ENMU vs. West Texas A&M University men's soccer game in Portales, N.M. Bean's shot missed the target.



**Sunset bliss** The sun sets along Highway 77 south of Wymore, Neb.

## Farmhouse deaths

**WI** RICHLAND CENTER — A judge found an Illinois teen guilty of gunning down his parents and uncle at a southwestern Wisconsin farmhouse, rejecting claims that he was insane when he committed the murders.

Steven M. Tomporowski, 18, had pleaded not guilty by reason of mental defect or disease to the three slayings, claiming schizophrenia made him unable to control his actions.

But Richland County Circuit Judge Edward Leineweber said Tomporowski's bizarre behavior could be explained by the teen's heavy use of LSD. He said there was evidence the teen faked mental illness in an effort to escape punishment.

He also cited testimony that Tomporowski told friends before the slayings that he hated his parents and wanted to kill them.

Tomporowski faces up to three life sentences when he is sentenced. A hearing has not been set. Had Leineweber found him insane, the teen would have been committed to a mental institution.

## Hard Rock pays up

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The Hard Rock hotel-casino has agreed to pay a \$100,000 fine to settle a complaint by the Nevada Gaming Control Board over a risque advertising campaign.

The Hard Rock admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement. The Nevada Gaming Commission will consider the settlement at a Nov. 18 meeting.

The fine ends a nearly yearlong dispute between the board and the Hard Rock.

The complaint stemmed from two advertisements. The first showed a man and a woman on a gambling table surrounded by playing cards and chips, with the caption, "There's always a temptation to cheat."

The other ad read "At the Hard Rock Hotel, we believe in you. Monday night rights: large quantities of prescription stimulants [and] having wives in two states ..."

## Group calls for suspension

**CO** DENVER — The NAACP and other public-interest groups called for the suspension of a Colorado election official, questioning whether he could fairly review voter complaints after being accused of making racist and sexist slurs in Texas a decade ago.

Drew T. Durham, who oversees the administration of federal election law in the secretary of state's office, has said he was offended by the allegations, saying they stemmed from a personnel dispute when he worked in the Texas attorney general's office in the early 1990s.

A 1994 story in the Texas Lawyer newspaper quoted a former co-worker who recalled Durham referring to a black colleague as "Sambo." The Rocky Mountain Progressive Network recently posted the story on its Web site.

## Stolen snakes found

**NC** HIGH POINT — Call it the return of the snakes. Someone had stolen about 80 snakes from a heated storage shed and hid them in the woods, appar-

ently hoping to sell them. But two people shunned the solicitation and alerted the owner.

Howard Hayes, a recreational reptile breeder working to grow the hobby into a business for his son, reported the snakes had been stolen. The 26 ball pythons, 10 red-tail boas and about 45 corn snakes were worth about \$2,600, he said.

A young man and woman came to Hayes' home saying they had met with some acquaintances who were peddling the potential pets.

## Twins ace SATs

**NY** LONG BEACH — Dillon and Jesse Smith are fraternal twins, but their penchant for perfection is identical.

The 16-year-old brothers beat the odds to each score a perfect 1600 on the SATs. Of 1.4 million high-schoolers who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test in 2004, just 939 scored a perfect 1600.

The seniors at Long Beach High School aced the SATs on their second attempt after taking the SATs for the first time. Earlier this year, Dillon scored 1520 and Jesse 1530.

Dillon plans to major in engineering and apply to Columbia, New York University and Cooper Union. Jesse plans to apply to Brown, Boston University, Wesleyan and Bates.

## Grain storage

**IA** FAYETTE — Agriculture experts are warning farmers that they need to properly store their excess grain or risk spoiling thousands of dollars of their product.

Bumper corn crops — at 220 bushels per acre — are creating storage shortages. On-farm storage already is rated 40 percent short, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Crops and Weather Report.

With the soybean harvest nearly complete, and only 30 percent of the corn crop out, that means a tight squeeze for many farmers, the report said.

Agriculture experts say the easiest and most economical way to temporarily store grain is keeping it on the ground. If done properly — including cooling the grain and keeping it dry — losses can be curbed to 1 percent to 4 percent.

## Cattle-E. coli research

**MT** BILLINGS — Researchers at Montana State University in Bozeman are looking at whether there is a link between what cattle eat, the strength of their immune systems and a potential to reduce the spread of E. coli bacteria.

A goal of the project, expected to be complete around Thanksgiving, is seeing if problems can be addressed, or even avoided, before the animals reach slaughter, said John Paterson, a beef specialist for the MSU Extension Service.

The researchers are looking at nutrition and whether the strength of calves' immune systems affects how the animals shed a particular strain, E. coli O157:H7, on the farm.

The research involves 24 calves, each receiving the same amount of protein and energy. Only half receive enhanced diets with additional trace minerals and vitamins, Paterson said.

Stories and photos from wire services

## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFRTS Web site at <http://myaftr.com/dmmedia/osd.mil/>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 House of Mouse	(11) Movie *** <b>"Before Sunrise"</b> (1995) Ethan Hawke, two young travelers share a whirlwind romance in Vienna.	Movie "Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley, Jacob Smith.	Stargate SG-1 Carter must run from an unstoppable foe.	The Chris Matthews Show	(8:30) Sports	Latin Lifestyles	Stargate SG-1 Carter must run from an unstoppable foe.
9:30 Animaniacs				Navy/Marine Corps News		Urban Style	
10:00 Ed, Edd & Eddy				Headline News		Fantasy Camp	Headline News
10:30 <b>"Plinko! A Cold Day at X"</b>				Headline News		Roker on the Road	Headline News
11:00 Out There	Movie *** <b>"Crossroads"</b> (1989) Ralph Macchio, Joe Seneca. A girl wants to be the search for a missing bus recording.	Destinations	Smallville "Relic"	Big Story Weekend Edition		Radical Sabbath	Smallville "Relic"
11:30 <b>"The Funniest Animals in the Mix"</b>				2004 Radio Music Awards		All-American Festivals	
12:00 Happy Days				Air Force TV News		The Suzie Oman Show	2004 Radio Music Awards
13:00 Movie *** <b>"The Big Green"</b> (1995, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Olivia d'Abo.				Sports		Celebrity Poker Showdown	
13:30 Movie *** <b>"Beverly Hills Family Robinson"</b> (1997) Ryan Reynolds, Martin Mull.	(24) Movie *** <b>"White You Were Sleeping"</b> (1995, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Bill Pullman, Peter Gallagher.			Headline News			Headline News
14:00 Hey Arnold!				Scrubs "My Day Off"			Scrubs "My Day Off"
14:30 Rocket Power				Meet the Press			Meet the Press
15:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				WWE Smackdown!			
15:30 Rugs	Movie *** <b>"The Truman Show"</b> (1998) Jim Carrey. A man learns that his world is one continuous TV program.	Stargate SG-1 Carter must run from an unstoppable foe.	America's Black Forum	Headline News			America's Black Forum
16:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"				Access Hollywood			Access Hollywood
16:30 American Dreams				Headline News			
17:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News			
17:30 Rugs				Headline News			
18:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"				Headline News			
18:30 American Dreams				Headline News			
19:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News			
19:30 Rugs				Headline News			
20:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"				Headline News			
20:30 American Dreams				Headline News			
21:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News			
21:30 Rugs				Headline News			
22:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"				Headline News			
22:30 American Dreams				Headline News			
23:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News			
23:30 Rugs				Headline News			

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
00:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>	(11:00) Movie *** <b>"The Terminator"</b> (1984)	NFL Football: Falcons at Broncos or Panthers at Seahawks	NFL Football: Falcons at Broncos or Panthers at Seahawks	Tim Russert	(11:00) Sports	Austin City Limits "Jenny Holm" (Chuck Prophet)	NFL Football: Falcons at Broncos or Panthers at Seahawks
00:30 Rugs				For Report		Headline News	
1:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"	Movie *** <b>"Taking Care of Business"</b> (1990) James Belushi. An ex-con assumes the identity of an ad executive.	Headline News	Little Bear			Headline News	
1:30 American's Funniest Home Videos				Wheel of Fortune		Headline News	
2:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Dr. Phil		Headline News	
2:30 Rugs				Access Hollywood		Headline News	
3:00 The Crocodile Hunter "Croc Live"				Oprah Winfrey		Headline News	
3:30 American's Funniest Home Videos				Datineline International		Headline News	
4:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
4:30 Rugs				Judge Judy		Headline News	
5:00 Sesame Street (E)				Access Hollywood		Headline News	
5:30 Barney & Friends (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
6:00 Blue's Clues				Headline News		Headline News	
6:30 Dragon Tales (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
7:00 Bob the Builder				Headline News		Headline News	
7:30 The Wiggles				Headline News		Headline News	
8:00 Nora the Explorer				Headline News		Headline News	
8:30 Stanley				Headline News		Headline News	
9:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
9:30 Rugs				Headline News		Headline News	
10:00 Arthur (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
10:30 Between the Lions (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
11:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
11:30 Stanley				Headline News		Headline News	
12:00 Nora the Explorer				Headline News		Headline News	
12:30 The Wiggles "Imagination"				Headline News		Headline News	
13:00 Bob the Builder				Headline News		Headline News	
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
14:00 Yams & Cakes				Headline News		Headline News	
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)				Headline News		Headline News	
15:00 Funniest Home Videos				Headline News		Headline News	
15:30 Fall House				Headline News		Headline News	
16:00 Pokémon				Headline News		Headline News	
16:30 Hey Arnold!				Headline News		Headline News	
17:00 Rocket Power				Headline News		Headline News	
18:00 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
18:30 Rugs				Headline News		Headline News	
19:00 Lizzie McGuire				Headline News		Headline News	
19:30 Yams "Big Break"				Headline News		Headline News	
20:00 Smallville "Shimmer" Clark takes an invisible force.				Headline News		Headline News	
20:30 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
21:00 Hey Meets World				Headline News		Headline News	
21:30 The Cosby Show				Headline News		Headline News	
22:00 Home Improvement				Headline News		Headline News	
22:30 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	
23:00 Rugs				Headline News		Headline News	
23:30 <b>"SpongeBob SquarePants"</b>				Headline News		Headline News	

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**Q** I heard that Nathan Lane had an accident while performing in a play. How's he doing now? — John King, Boston  
**A** Fine. Nathan, 48, gashed his legs during an exit through a trap door in the Broadway musical "The Frogs." He missed two shows but fully recovered and was back in superb comic form until the production recently closed.

**Q** Julia Roberts read "The Nanny Diaries" for Books on Tape. Does she also own the rights to the film version? — Sue Martin, Portland, Ore.  
**A** No. But Julia's production company owns the rights to several books in the popular American Girl doll franchise. The pretty mama-to-be, 37, is executive producer of "Samantha: An American Girl Holiday," airing Nov. 23 on The WB (in the States) and expected to become a TV film series. We wonder if the interest in dolls is a clue to the sex of one or both of her twins, due in January.



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**Guys, or dolls? Mommy-to-be Julia Roberts is keeping the public in suspense.**

**Q** Is it true that Shemar Moore, the hunk who played Malcolm Winters, will return to "The Young and the Restless" after two years? — Tanya Young, Akron, Ohio  
**A** You're in luck. Shemar's character — a fashion photographer presumed killed in a bridge collapse in Africa — will resurface this week, when that CBS soap celebrates its 8,000th episode. An Emmy-winner and former host of TV's "Soul Train," Shemar, 34, recently shot the film "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" with Cicely Tyson, in theaters next year.



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**Brendan Fraser: Actor, photographer, daddy.**

**Q** What's new in the life of Brendan Fraser? — Theresa Chand, Sacramento, Calif.  
**A** We caught up with Brendan, 36, by phone at a New York airport after the opening of his one-man photo exhibit. (His prints fetched up to \$1,400.) He was heading to the Toronto Film Festival for the premiere of "Crash," in which he stars with Sandra Bullock, Ryan Phillippe, Matt Dillon and the rapper Ludacris. Back on the home front, Brendan and wife Afton welcomed their second son, Holden, in August.

**Q** Has there ever been an incumbent president who ran for a second term without the same vice president? — Ed Batista, city unknown  
**A** Yes, 11 of them: John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, John Quincy Adams, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and FDR (not for his second term but for his third and fourth). And Gerald Ford, who never ran for a first term, dumped Nelson Rockefeller in favor of Bob Dole.

**Q** Is Diana Ross still performing? And what happened to her billionaire ex-husband, Arne Naess? — Wilhelmina Sims, Shirley, N.Y.  
**A** Arne Naess Jr. died at 66 in January in a fall while mountain climbing in South Africa. His marriage to Diana lasted from 1985 to 2000 and produced two sons, Ross and Evan, now teens. As for the 60-year-old diva, she kicks off her "Forever" tour this Friday in Atlantic City.



CBS

**"CSI" television star Marg Helgenberger tries to use every opportunity she gets to be an advocate for children's rights.**

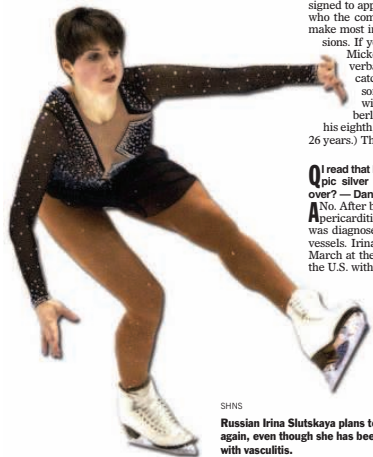
**Q** Marg Helgenberger's character on "CSI" is such a strong advocate for children's rights. Does she have kids of her own? — A. Griffin, Modesto, Calif.  
**A** Marg and her husband, actor Alan Rosenberg, have a son, Hugh, 14. The pair were honored by Penny Lane, an agency that supports abandoned and abused kids in L.A. "I always fight for story lines on 'CSI' that include my TV daughter," Marg, 45, tells us. "I think audiences appreciate the human elements of our characters."

**Q** Mickey Rooney is in a TV commercial for life insurance with his wife, who does most of the talking. Is Mickey unable to speak? — Steve Ganguet, Pleasant Hill, Calif.  
**A** Not at all. He's in great health for a man of 84. That commercial was designed to appeal to women, who the company believes make most insurance decisions. If you want to see Mickey display his verbal prowess, catch him in Branson, Mo., with wife Jan Chamberlin, 65. (She's his eighth, but has lasted 26 years.) Their holiday show opens there tomorrow.



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**Mickey Rooney: Still with his eighth wife; doing fine.**



SHNS

**Russian Irina Slutskaya plans to skate again, even though she has been diagnosed with vasculitis.**

**Q** I read that Russian skater Irina Slutskaya, the 2002 Olympic silver medalist, has a heart ailment. Is her career over? — Danielle G. Collier, Tenn.  
**A** No. After being sidelined by bronchitis, pneumonia and pericarditis (swelling around the heart), Irina finally was diagnosed with vasculitis, inflammation of the blood vessels. Irina, 25, is recovering and hopes to compete in March at the world championships in Moscow, then tour the U.S. with Champions on Ice.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Smoke clears, tobacco lives  
The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

Congress had a golden opportunity to improve Americans' health, cut health-care costs and throw a lasso around a rogue industry.

But that opportunity was flicked out the window when a House-Senate conference committee working on a corporate-tax bill jettisoned a provision to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate the tobacco industry.

Ohio Sen. Mike DeWine, a Republican, and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., had crafted a bipartisan bill that had the support of myriad health groups and even tobacco company Philip Morris.

DeWine promises to be back next year with the same bill and a new strategy. But, he says, FDA regulation won't happen until the public demands it.

Apparently, Americans haven't been clear enough. So, listen up, lawmakers. Here's the scoop, in simple terms so that even those lawmakers who are particularly obtuse can understand: Tobacco products kill. Regulation is needed. ASAP.

Law suits court cynicism  
The Daily Sentinel,  
Grand Junction, Colo.

Who will be the big winners in this year's elections? More and more it appears that lawyers with political claims will claim the greatest victories, no matter who wins the ballot tallies.

As stories in this newspaper and others around the country have made evident, battalions of attorneys are making in key battleground states, ready to file postelection lawsuits similar to those filed in Florida in 2000.

Who will claim all manner of balloting problems — from hanging chads to high-tech hijinks — on behalf of their losing clients, whether they be presidential contenders or those seeking more-modest political offices.

While that may be great news for the legions of lawyers involved in such cases, it will not ultimately benefit the American republic.

It can do nothing but increase voter cynicism and ultimately contribute to the feeling that elections are an insiders' game where winners and losers will be determined in courtrooms long after the ballots are cast.

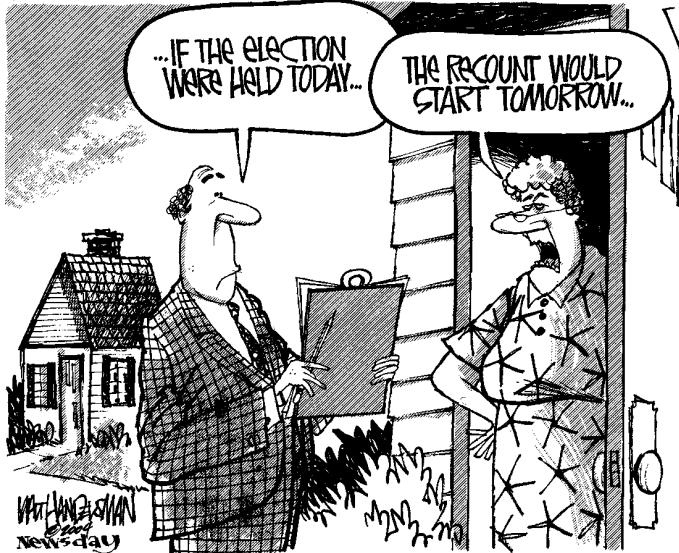
Let Sept. 11 panel prevail  
Chicago Tribune

This month, at the urging of Sept. 11 panel Chairman Thomas Keane and others, the White House leaped into the middle of the Senate and House wars in an attempt to reshape America's intelligence agencies. Top White House officials issued a detailed letter attempting to guide negotiators from the Senate and House who are struggling to reconcile two vastly different versions of legislation inspired by recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

There's a blizzard of detail in all this, but at its crux the legislation approved by the Senate hews closely to the recommendations of the Sept. 11 panel and deserves to be favored in the conference committee.

The Senate legislation establishes a strong national intelligence director with full budget authority and significant power in personnel matters...

The House has been unnecessarily complicated the bargaining by peppering its bill with an array of law enforcement and immigra-



tion measures that were not envisioned by the Sept. 11 commission.

The Sept. 11 commission has produced some sound ideas for revamping the U.S. intelligence apparatus. By moving to enact its most important recommendations, Congress and the president can show that they've absorbed the lessons of the intelligence failures this nation suffered before Sept. 11.

A low point in the Iraq effort  
Los Angeles Times

The confirmation that U.S. forces in Iraq failed to prevent the looting of 380 tons of conventional explosives represents a new chapter for the "just when you thought things could not get much worse" file. Further, the execution-style murder on Oct. 23 of dozens of Iraqis being trained as soldiers, the very men to whom the United States planned to transfer the art of guarding the country, demonstrates an abject failure by Iraqis and occupation officials to learn from past mistakes.

President Bush has repeatedly said his generals have not told him they need more than the 140,000 U.S. troops [currently] in Iraq. But it's now clear that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his Pentagon colleagues should have listened to Gen. Eric Shinsek, then the Army chief of staff, when he warned that "several hundred thousand" troops would be required to win the peace as well as the war.

Instead, Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, disparaged Shinsek and shoved him aside...

[Jordanian militant Abu Musab] al-Zarqawi's followers claimed responsibility for the attack on the unarmed army recruits. Rebels dressed as police or soldiers stopped three vehicles, ordered the passengers out and shot them. Iraqi police and military trainees have been targets for months.

The recruits should have been protected by other soldiers or given weapons to defend themselves.

There have been better days in the Iraq war, but not many worse ones.

Money shouldn't drive donors  
The Denver Post

It was in desperation that Bob Hickey listed himself on a commercial Web site four months ago seeking a kidney donor and, probably unintentionally, propelling himself into the medical textbooks. We commend a dying man's ingenuity. But the unprecedented matchup between Hickey and a stranger from Tennessee quite possibly ushers in an era in organ donations that raises a host of legal and ethical concerns.

It marked the first time an organ transplant was brooked by a commercial Internet company. It also launched the nation down a new path of organ donations that at once raises new ethical questions and at the same time gives hope — probably false hope — to the 85,000 Americans currently awaiting organ transplants.

And what about the risks? We would not want to see Hickey's case spur people in need of a quick buck to sell an organ without considering the long-term consequences. "We don't want people jeopardizing their health to benefit financially," said Nikki Wheeler, spokeswoman for the alliance. "In this case, now you have a person who will have potentially bad health long-term."

The biggest problem Wheeler foresees is that sick people could become easy prey for Internet brokers. "They'll do whatever they can to save their lives," she said. "We don't want them taken advantage of."

Neither do we.

Party purity pure poppycock  
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

It would be a true down-to-the-wire presidential election without the quixotic candidacy of Ralph Nader, now would? Mr. Nader and his handful of followers must be reveling in the news that the race between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry is so close that his scant support

could actually tilt the election in nine of the most competitive states.

Mr. Nader insists that he takes as much support away from Mr. Bush as from Mr. Kerry. Public opinion polls, though, dispute that claim. Some surveys show him taking more than twice as many votes from Mr. Kerry as Mr. Bush...

Where Mr. Nader's analysis falls apart, though, is in his contention that there's no discernible difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. Anyone who believes that would be better off studying up on the events of the past four years than making yet another run for president...

How sad it is to watch a once-respected advocate of the public interest babbled away his own legacy, from constructive change to political mischief.

Rapids rough for amphibians  
The Herald, Rock Hill, S.C.

Miners knew that the atmosphere in the mines was becoming toxic when the canary in the cage died. But the rest of us need to pay attention to equally troubling signals about troubles in the environment.

Take, for example, the recent discovery that male bass in the Potomac River have been producing eggs. Scientists aren't sure exactly why, but think it might be caused by pollution in the water, such as chicken estrogen left over in poultry manure, or perhaps human hormones dumped in the river with processed sewage.

And what about the precipitous decline in the amphibian population across the globe? The first comprehensive world survey of the creatures, which include frogs, toads and salamanders, indicates that up to 122 species have disappeared since 1980 and another 1,900 are in danger of going extinct...

What's important to note, however, is that these delicate creatures, made vulnerable because of permeable skin that is easily affected by changing environmental conditions, are the first victims of environmental abuse.



Tom McGannon poses in his Royal Oak, Mich., front yard decked out in Halloween decor. Plenty of people are joining McGannon in Halloween decorating — inside and outside the home — making it the second-largest decorating holiday of the year behind the Christmas season.

## Much more than pumpkins Halloween decorating turns into high-tech business

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a child, Tom McGannon always had the most decorated house on the block during the Halloween season. At 36, he still does, but the decorations are more high-tech.

McGannon's bag of tricks now include smoking graveyard scenes with strobe lighting. He's also thinking about buying a hologram machine that projects scary images. And where will McGannon be on Halloween night? "On the roof, pulling thick fishing lines that move the mannequins," such as spiders and skeletons, the Royal Oak, Mich., resident said.

Plenty of people are joining McGannon in the fun of Halloween decorating inside and outside the home, making it the second-largest decorating holiday after the Christmas and Hanukkah season. The trend has been a boon to small businesses and big discounters, who have expanded their Halloween merchandise way beyond ceramic pumpkins and stuffed scarecrows.

Now, they're selling high-tech wizardry such as voice-activated skeletons, smog machines and down-right gory bleeding goblins.

"With Halloween, you can get a little funky," said Sharon Weber, a spokeswoman at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. "We keep adding more to meet the needs of our customers."

Popular items at Wal-Mart include six-foot-tall inflatable purple spiders and eight-foot-tall inflatable jack-o'-lanterns. The discounter also has skeletons and monsters that sing and dance to such popular tunes as "Born to Be Wild," "Evil Ways" and "Super Freak."

It gets grosser at Party City Corp., a 500-store chain based in Rockaway, N.J., whose Halloween

*Halloween  
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one another,  
experts say.*

merchandise includes a fake head with a wandering eyeball that follows people as they pass by.

With Halloween decorating now a feature at mass marketers, these creepy accessories have come down in price over the past few years, with many costing under \$60. But for those who aren't scared about spending, iParty Inc., a 40-store chain based in Dedham, Mass., has a shivering butler mannequin that retails for \$399, and Chicago-based Architectural Artifacts rents or sells gargoyle decor that runs into the thousands of dollars.

Halloween has been popular with adults and children for decades, but the decorating business — particularly the higher end — has burgeoned in the past few years. Architectural Artifacts said its clients had been limited to the Hollywood community, but now the company is being sought after by consumers for their own personal use.

"Three years ago, the Halloween business was nonexistent," said Stuart Grannen, the company's president.

According to Unity Marketing, a New York-based marketing consulting firm, consumers are estimated to spend \$1.54 billion on Halloween decorations this year, accounting for about 10 percent of the projected \$14.72 billion overall seasonal decor business.

That's up 5.5 percent from 2003.

Halloween decorating gives people a lift and also helps them connect with one another, a comforting trend during uncertain times, marketing experts say.

"This is all being driven by consumers," said Pam Danziger, Unity Marketing's president. "It's all about turning outward, and making yourselves known to your neighbors."

SEE DECORATIONS ON PAGE 31

## Tricare tips highlight an differences

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Cmdr. Michel introduced Tricare.

Cmdr. Michel continued: "Tricare has two basic plan types: Tricare Prime and Tricare Stan-

dard.

"Most active-duty members and their families use Tricare Prime because it has no enrollment fees or deductibles and, even better, no claims to file. The downside is Tricare Prime is not available everywhere and they require that you go to your PCM first for any treatment.

"Tricare Prime is broken into regions all over the world and is portable from region to region."

"Tricare Standard has the larger selection of medical providers because you can use non-military doctors, but has a yearly deductible and you may need to file your claims.

"Verify your Tricare coverage and DEERS report every year or every time you move to avoid being caught in an administrative mistake.

"Wherever you go for medical treatment in the Tricare system, there is a priority system for providing care: Servicemembers are treated first, followed by families, and then retirees and their families.

"You are required to go through the military health system first, and if there aren't any Tricare supported facilities available, you'll need a non-availability statement, or NAS, from your PCM before going to a doctor outside the plan.

"You can find a list of approved civilian providers located at <http://tricare.osd.mil/>. I must warn you that without an NAS, you'll normally pick up the entire medical cost.

"Bottom line: Keep track of your permissions and expenses."

"What about dental care?" a young woman asked. "Does Tricare cover dental treatments?"

"No," Michel replied. "Ser-

vicemembers receive free dental care through military dentists — and they must visit them regularly. Military families use inexpensive dental insurance through United Concordia located at [www.uccf.com](http://www.uccf.com).

"There are two dental plans: single and family.

"The single plan covers only one family member and costs \$9.07 per month in 2004; the family plan covers multiple family members and is \$22.66 per month in 2004.

"Be aware there is a cap on how much your insurance premiums will cover — \$1,200 per year on any enrollment for nonorthodontic services. Also, certain preventive or diagnostic treatments are not applied to this cap, but that's for a more advanced presentation.

"Are there any questions?" Several people in the audience were rapidly scribbling down notes. I was just sitting there trying to figure out why I didn't learn about this military medical staff earlier because it was important and serious.

The commander continued, "If there are no other questions, thank you. I'll leave some Tricare information pamphlets with your president."

The audience began to clap. Evelyn thanked the commander and helped her gather her materials.

After the commander left, Evelyn concluded the meeting.

"Before we finish, let me remind you we need volunteers to talk to Sammy about our annual 4th of July party."

Evelyn adjourned the meeting, and all we gathered for a little while for the after-meeting social.

Next week, Susie and Maggie decide to get in shape.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to: Master Plan Inc., 509 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at [www.savvyonweb.com](http://www.savvyonweb.com). This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes Inc. or any financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. E-mail for feedback is: [finance@stripes.com](mailto:finance@stripes.com)

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Ralph Nelson



## Sunday Horoscope

The Gemini moon is a mischievous lunar aspect that loves tricks, treats, disguises and scary thrills! Even if you weren't planning on acknowledging this Halloween by dressing up as someone else, you could change your mind at the last minute. There's big fun to be had exploring your alter ego, and you could learn something about yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 31).** You face the year with great anticipation—on some level, this is going to be something special, and you're right. Go with the odds this time around. Romance is part of the equation, and you're ready to do it differently.

You take pride in your work and are paid especially well for it in December and February. Love signs are Capricorn and Pisces.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** What's scariest is not knowing if you're fully prepared. This morning feels like those school dreams where you show up in various stages of undress and don't know what's going on. You know more than you think you do.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You won't be fooled by false stories, but loved ones armed with an overabundance of information and conviction could spook you into doing something you didn't want to do. Stay strong.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The fact is, you're attracted to the dark and ghoulish, especially if it also ties into something forbidden. Because you're not ashamed of being impetuous, some people find you irresistible. You could even meet your match tonight.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You certainly don't deserve to be the target of trickery, but because you're feeling so glib, you could encounter it anyway. Be on guard! It's a creative exercise to consider who your opposite might be.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're ready for treats, excepting them really, which could make people less anxious to deliver. When you loved ones expect your expectations, your loved ones

surprise you. Detach yourself from the outcome, and do act out of sheer enjoyment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Fear is the enemy in all areas of your life. The monstrous truth will be featured. Don't worry — it's only a monster in your own mind, much like an 8-year-old dressed up at your door begging for candy.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What you do for thrills and chills, others wouldn't dream of doing! It's your daring that makes you unique. But be careful not to lose sight of where others are coming from. Try and step out of your own point of view before acting.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll be blowing things out of proportion in your mind, but that's half the fun. Imaginations could make you scream. But if you know the reality, you'd only be a little jump. Don't be shy tonight.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** This day plays like a movie flashback. There are numerous opportunities to engage in past horrors, but you choose to put them behind you instead — how empowering! Tonight is weirdly romantic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You think you know what's best for all concerned, and indeed you do. But that doesn't mean they'll follow. In the Halloween spirit, you might employ a little witchy charm, a secret bit of mental hocus-pocus to persuade your subject.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Half the fun will be in pretending, so let your creativity loose, and create scenarios that are fun for you! The otherworldly qualities of the evening help it live up to all its creepy potential! Boo!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There are the ghosts walking around in household closets with nightgowns out, and there are the ghosts of your past that haunt you day and night. Be kind to both. The first just want candy, and the others are part of you.

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## 'Ballot' has long history

The approach of another presidential election has another meaning about the word "ballot." If figure it can't be a very old word, since voting for one's leader is, historically speaking, a relatively recent development (isn't it?). Can you tell me about its origins? You might be surprised to learn that the earliest evidence in the English language for "ballot" came in the form of a way back to 1549. "Ballot" derives ultimately from a word of German origin meaning "ball." In ancient Greece, various marked or colored, have been used as a means for casting a secret vote since ancient times. For example, in ancient Greece balls were used in the determination of criminal matters.

Jurors voted with one kind of ball for acquittal and with another for condemnation. Even today, some private clubs accept or reject candidates for membership on the basis of a vote taken with white and black balls, hence our word "blackball."

In Renaissance Venice, which was actually a republic and had been one since the 11th century, this same kind of secret vote was used. A Venetian, being Italian, called the ball he voted with a "ballotto" or "ball."

The English borrowed Italian "ballotta" and shortened it to "ballot," using it to designate a ball or any other object that was a ticket or piece of paper, used in casting a secret vote.

## Monetary successes allow jealousy to creep into family

**Dear Abby:** I have been married to "Sam" for 20 years. He is a wonderful husband and provider. When I married Sam, we had nothing; now we have a home and rental properties.

My family seems to be jealous of the financial success we have achieved. My siblings make snide comments and have pulled away.

It came to a head the other night when my youngest sister announced to the family that I had gone online and anonymously threatened her family. Abby, I have never been anything but kind to them. They have an open invitation to visit our home and swim, and I have even bought her children clothing and shoes when she was unable to.

I don't understand this, and I'm very hurt. Please help me to put this in perspective, because I am fully aware that money can't buy happiness — happiness comes from family and loved ones.

**—Wrongly Accused in Arkansas**  
*Dear Wrongly Accused:* Your sister may be jealous, may have mental problems — or may just have a need to be the center of attention. Since you have been

generous with her, it may be time to realize that loving relationships are reciprocal. If your relatives are put off by what you and your husband have accomplished, the problem is really theirs, and you can't fix it.

**P.S.** If your sister did, in fact, receive a threatening e-mail, rather than accusing you, she should have informed after a romance had ended. At the time, I told him that she should pretend that his love object had tragically dropped dead. (It happens.) I said that although the person might still be alive, their romance WAS dead, and so were any illusions he had about the person. I also advised him that if he began to obsess again, he should remind himself out loud that he was only playing "old tapes" in his head and to change the channel.

**Dear Abby:** I am 16 and have just started my junior year in high school. Last spring, I started dating "Rick," a guy in my class. After six weeks, he dropped me and started dating a popular girl. He never said I did or gave me a reason for dumping me. He just stopped calling, wouldn't talk to me and wouldn't answer my phone calls. I was devastated.

Now that school has started again, I see Rick in the halls. I told him I still love him and would do anything to get back the way we were, and he was very rude. I know I need more on, but I can't get him out of my heart.

**Please help.**  
**—Stuck in St. Louis**  
*Dear Stuck:* Part of your prob-

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lem may be that you didn't have "closure" when the relationship with Rick was over. For him to have dropped you the way he did was cruel.

Perhaps this will help you: I recently attended a conference where a man approached me and stuck out his hand. He said he wanted to thank me for some advice I had given him years ago. Like you, he was having a difficult time moving on after a romance had ended. At the time, I told him that he should pretend that his love object had tragically dropped dead. (It happens.) I said that although the person might still be alive, their romance WAS dead, and so were any illusions he had about the person. I also advised him that if he began to obsess again, he should remind himself out loud that he was only playing "old tapes" in his head and to change the channel.

**Held me.** I said that my advice hadn't been easy to follow, but it had worked for him then and several times subsequently. (I have used the technique myself, and it worked for me.) Give it a try.

Letters for this column — with name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box #8440, Los Angeles, CA 90088. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.pittsburgh.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## Woman must open her eyes to see relationship is over

**Dear Annie:** I have been in a relationship with "Bob" for seven years, minus a two-year separation. When we got back together, he made comments like, "This time I'm gonna make it work," leading me to believe we have a future together.

A few months ago, I discovered that Bob has been sending expensive presents (more expensive than what he gives me) to his ex-girlfriend, who moved to another state 14 years ago. When I asked him about it, he confessed that he hopes eventually to join her there so they can start a life together.

I know I should have broken up with him right then, but I didn't, because, frankly, I had nothing else going on in my life. Now Bob is planning to take a week's vacation to the ex's town to look at some property. He will be staying at her house.

Bob doesn't have enough money for a down payment, so I think the property thing is just a ruse to see his ex-girlfriend. Bob says he won't be having sex with her. She has a young son, and she won't permit Bob to sleep in her bedroom. (Notice he didn't say it's because

he wants to remain faithful to me.)

My question is, am I being unreasonable to be upset about this vacation? I told Bob that if he goes, our relationship is over, and he can't understand why. What is your opinion of this situation?

**—Steady in Boston**  
*Dear Boston:* You must be joking. Bob has made it clear that he wants a future with his ex-girlfriend, and now he is spending a week in her house and possibly looking to invest in a piece of property near her. Your relationship is toast, kiddo, but you keep scraping off the charcoal, expecting to find something worth keeping. Wish him well and let him go.

**Dear Annie:** I am having a problem with friends of over 50 years.

"George" and "Helen" recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife and I sent a beautiful card, congratulating them on their great achievement, and we also left a nice message on their answering machine.

A week later, Helen called my wife to say she was very hurt

because we "didn't even have the decency to invite them out for a cup of coffee to honor the occasion." They haven't spoken to us since.

My wife is crushed, but I told her not to feel guilty. It was their anniversary, and they should have invited us over to their house to celebrate with old friends. Am I right or wrong? Either way, our friendship is over.

**—Old Friend in Springfield, Ill.**

*Dear Springfield:* How sad. While you were under no obligation to do so, George and Helen invited you for coffee, a 50th anniversary is quite a milestone. The card and phone message were sufficient for conveying your good wishes, but as longtime close friends, it would have been a nice gesture, and to do something extra. If you want to salvage the friendship, call and apologize for not making more out of such an important occasion, and invite them for dinner. If they refuse, you are no worse off.

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## RELIGION

# Scholar points to democratic views in Bible

By RICHARD N. OSTLING

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"Is democracy actually a Christian notion? Is it found in the Bible?"

"Yes and no," continued the Rev. Stephen Noll, a U.S. Episcopalian who is vice chancellor of Uganda Christian University, in a sermon marking Uganda's independence day. He spoke on the Anglican campus two days after mailing his own absentee ballot for the U.S. election.

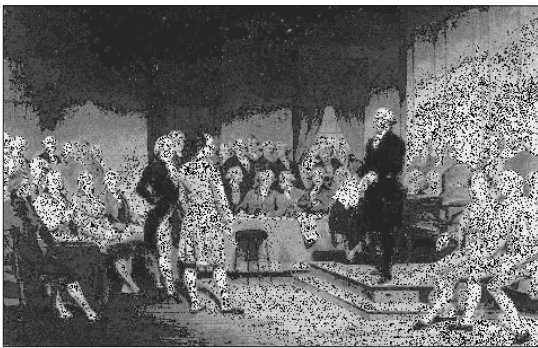
The whole question might seem anachronistic because the Bible was written thousands of years ago when modern notions of representative government were unknown. But Noll asserted that democracy is fully compatible with biblical principles.

"Over the past several hundred years, Christians have been in the forefront of promoting democracy," he noted.

On the other hand, Christians have often lived under non-democratic regimes, and for 1,000 years they "seemed to believe that monarchy — the rule of one divinely appointed king — was the normal Christian political arrangement."

The Old Testament concept of government was a form of limited constitutional monarchy, Noll said, citing Deuteronomy 17:14-20 and 1 Samuel 8. He said the Bible's detailed laws of justice, including those given to Moses on Mount Sinai, were "a kind of constitution" ratified by the people.

In Deuteronomy, God tells Moses that after his people enter the promised land they will



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George Washington is depicted in the 1856 painting "George Washington Addressing the Constitutional Convention" by Junius Brutus Stearns, depicting a climactic moment at the end of the convention. Rev. Stephen Noll, a U.S. Episcopalian who is vice chancellor of Uganda Christian University, points out that the form of democracy promoted today is fully compatible with biblical principles.

choose a king. God says the monarch should be a believer, should not build up his own riches or lord it over the people, and must obey biblical law.

"The Bible does not require kings, but it does make clear that kings are to be constitutional" and bound by the moral law, he said.

The Israelites spent centuries without a king in a loose tribal confederacy that was unstable, chaotic and difficult to defend.

Eventually the people demanded that the prophet Samuel anoint a monarch so that "we also may be like all the nations."

Samuel does their bidding and unhappily anoints King Saul. But before doing so, Noll noted, the prophet warns that "monarchy would become a burdensome bureaucracy and eventually lead the nation into ruin."

So much for the medieval "divine right of kings!" In Noll's view, therefore, the Bible teaches

that government by monarchy "was founded in sin and lack of faith in God. It was provisional at best."

The New Testament, he said, develops and clarifies things.

It teaches that human government should preserve order and protect justice, which are beneficial. 1 Peter 2:13-17 tells believers to "live as free men" but "subject for the Lord's sake" to the rulers provided by God "to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right."

However, this leaves passage aside the question of believers' duty when rulers do the opposite, which was addressed especially during the Protestant Reformation.

But government cannot mediate the truths of salvation, Noll said, and that's a warning against African kingships, Islamic theocracies, ideologies such as communism and all other temporal systems that "claim absolute god-like authority."

Democracy makes no such assertions for itself and, to Noll, that very limitation is "the foundation of Christian support" for constitutional democracy.

Thus Jesus famously told the colonial ruler Pontius Pilate, "My kingdom is not from the world" in John 18:36. And the Apostle Paul taught that "our commonwealth is in heaven" in Philippians 3:20.

Whether government is kindly or democratic, Noll said, the Bible can "give good advice to rulers, even while keeping for itself worship of the one King of all the ages, Jesus Christ," who is depicted in the Book of Revelation as establishing the future kingdom of righteousness.

He concluded, "I hope you students will take seriously your responsibilities for the future of this nation. Be sure to vote and be sure to have your say in the direction this country will take."

Added note: Noll said "the real" by his question today "isn't about Christianity but whether Islam can also come to support democracy." The record does not look good; almost all the Muslim countries today are "tyrannies," he charged, while seeing potential promise in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as Turkey.

## Elementary angels: School celebrates All Saints' Day

By HELEN T. GRAY

The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Students in Linda Lancaster's fifth-grade class soon will be wearing costumes to school — not for Halloween but for All Saints' Day.

For weeks they have been researching saints and, at least for their class presentation, early next month, will become one. The students also researched people who've led saintly lives but who aren't officially recognized by churches.

"It's a good thing to see that anybody can be a good person, even if you are not a saint," said Lancaster, who teaches at St. Elizabeth Catholic School. "We look for lives of people who may be just like us."

For many Western Christians, All Saints' Day falls on Nov. 1. This is an important holy day for Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans to honor all saints, including those not officially recognized.

Eastern Orthodox Christians hold a similar observance the Sunday after Pentecost. "All Saints' Day comes from a recognition of the church that not every person with God in heaven will be formally recognized," said Stephen Obarski, director of the office of worship for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. "So this

day provides an opportunity to recognize those saints, known and unknown. And it gives us an opportunity to recognize that one day we will be joining them."

Students at St. John Francis Regis Catholic School seem to be fascinated with saints designated by the church in the last 50 years, said principal Mary Bachkora, because that's a time frame they can identify

church's teaching on the communion of saints, a link between the living and the dead.

"The whole idea is a linkage between those who have achieved glory and those who are still in the race," said the Rev. Tom Punzo, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. "The saints become heroes and heroines who energize

shifted to Nov. 1 in the eighth century when Roman Bishop Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints. In the ninth century, Gregory IV ordered the Feast of All Saints to be observed throughout the entire church Nov. 1.

Many Lutheran churches will incorporate the All Saints' observance into their regular worship service on the first Sunday in November.

Some may have a dinner and give people an opportunity to reflect on deceased family and friends in conjunction with a worship opportunity, said the Rev. John Kreidler, bishop's associate for the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

During Good Shepherd's observance of All Saints' Day, which also will take place on Nov. 7, the names of saints will be placed on the walls surrounding the church. The church will have a procession, carrying small shields bearing the names of saints. In addition, the names of deceased family members and spiritual leaders of the church will be read.

"It is a way to make present that person as you hear the name," Punzo said. "In a way, we are never forgotten. And on All Saints' Day we really are and striving to be, God's holy ones, the saints."

**"On All Saints' Day, we honor everyone who has done good work and made decisions to do the right thing in their lives."**

Mary Bachkora

St. John Francis Regis Catholic School principal

with. Each year before students do their research, she said, many think saints come only from Bible times.

They also are surprised to discover saints from various cultures, like African and Hispanic saints, and by the number of women saints, she said. The project produces good role models for the students.

"On All Saints' Day, we honor everyone who has done good work and made decisions to do the right thing in their lives," Bachkora said.

The observance is in keeping with the

us. They become our models of staying in it and staying at it; they become our cheerleaders toward victory."

A day set aside to venerate all martyrs can be traced to about the fourth century in writings of Ephrem the Syrian. It became established in the West when Roman Bishop Boniface IV on May 13, 609 or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia.

The observance in the Western church

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# Agassis deny misconduct in BALCO steroid investigation

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal prosecutors deny any misconduct during the investigation of a personal trainer charged with distributing illegal steroids to some top athletes, according to court documents filed Friday.

Prosecutors filed the documents, which contained potentially damaging evidence against San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, in response to defendants' attorneys' accusations of misconduct and other allegations.

Personal trainer Greg Anderson, Victor Conte, founder of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, and two other men, BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny, are charged with distributing steroids, including the previously undetectable THIG, to top athletes.

Charges also include possession of human growth hormone,

misbranding drugs with intent to defraud and money laundering.

All have pleaded not guilty, and their attorneys have said they would seek to have charges dismissed.

Also revealed Friday in the court documents was Conte's alleged statements to Internal Revenue Service agent Jeff Novitsky in 2003 that Bonds regularly visited his lab for steroids, according to reports on ESPN.com and the San Francisco Chronicle's web site.

They cite a memorandum of Novitsky's interview with Conte submitted by the U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco along with the other documents.

Conte has denied the allegations, and Bonds has denied ever having used steroids. The slugger has not been charged.

Attorneys for the four defendants have claimed their clients

were subjected to illegal searches and coerced by investigators.

An attorney for Anderson claims leaks by government officials and misconduct by the lead investigator are sufficient grounds for dismissal.

Anderson was the trainer for Bonds, who was among dozens of athletes called to testify before the grand jury in November and December of 2003.

Anderson's attorney, Anna Ling, is seeking to suppress evidence and statements investigators said their client made. Ling alleged in a motion filed earlier this month that Anderson was detained illegally in his house and was not advised of his right to have an attorney present.

According to an investigator's report made public Friday, Anderson told agents "he didn't think he should be talking anymore because he didn't want to go to jail" after they confronted him with a file containing Bonds' name.

# Agassi reaches first Stockholm final

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Andre Agassi reached the Stockholm Open final for the first time, edging Germany's Tommy Haas 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4) and advancing to the title match against Thomas Johansson.

Johansson, a former Australian Open champion, beat 19-year-old countryman Michael Rhyndest 6-3, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

Johansson won this event four years ago, the last Swede to do so.

The top-seeded Agassi won in straight sets for the fourth consecutive match, but this was his toughest. He has beaten Haas two of three times this year.

"Today was very high standard," said Agassi, who lost in the quarterfinals in Stockholm in 1989 and 1994. "The first time we played in L.A. people said it was the best match they've seen all year. And then we played the next week (in Toronto) and the people that said that one and the first said that this one was even better. Now we've played here and this was possibly even better again."

Haas, seeded fourth, missed much of the 2003 season with a shoulder injury. Two weeks ago, he reached the semifinals in Vienna, Austria. After missing 16 months while undergoing two operations, Haas has gone from unranked in the beginning of the year to the top 25.

Neither player was broken in the Agassi-Haas match. Haas, who also won his first three matches in straight sets, had a chance to go up 6-4 in the first tiebreaker but couldn't put away an easy overhead and lost the point on a forehand. Haas missed another forehand, giving Agassi a 6-5 lead. Agassi won the set with a forehand pass.

Agassi never trailed in the second-set tiebreaker, racing ahead

## Sports briefs

5-1 and winning on his second match point when Haas' forehand sailed wide.

## Nalbandian vs. Novak in Swiss Indoors final

BASEL, Switzerland — David Nalbandian beat injured Olympic champion Nicolas Pietrangeli 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to reach his third straight Swiss Indoors final, setting up a title match against Jiri Novak and keeping alive his bid for the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup.

Novak of the Czech Republic defeated Stefan Koubek of Austria in the other semifinal, sweeping 11 straight games in a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

## Japan's Niida retains WBA minimumweight title

TOKYO — Japan's Yutaka Niida retained the WBA minimumweight title Saturday, beating Venezuela's Juan Landeta. Niida used a barrage of punches late in the bout at Ryogoku Kokugikan and outscored interim champion Landeta on two of three judges' scorecards.

## Sluman, Byrd tied in Chrysler Championship

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Jeff Sluman and Jonathan Byrd were tied for the lead at the Chrysler Championship, both knowing the tournament really doesn't start until the weekend.

For Paul Azinger, Olin Browne and a host of others, their season ended Friday.

Sluman was eight shots worse than his course record 62 in the opening round, missing a half-dozen good looks at birdie but still playing solidly from tee to green for a 1-under 70. Byrd

blitzed the back nine for the second straight day and shot another 66.

"Some days it's easy, and some days it's a little more difficult," said Sluman, who never had the lead to himself in the second round and wound up tied with Byrd at 10-under 132.

In the final full-field tournament of the year, perhaps it was no surprise that the top five guys already have their cards signed up for next year, with no worries about where they are on the money list.

Vijay Singh, moving closer to a \$10 million year, had a 69 and was only two shots behind. Also at 8-under 134 was International winner Rod Pampling (65) and Tommy Armour III (64), exempt through 2005 for his record-setting victory last year in the Texas Open.

## Golden, Park share LPGA lead

JEJU, South Korea — Kate Golden fired an eight-under-par 64 on Saturday to tie South Korea's Grace Park and lead the LPGA after a second round in the CJ Nine Bridges Classic.

With a two-day total of 135, Golden and Park were two strokes ahead of Jill McGill of the United States, and Soo-Yun Kang and defending champion Shi Hyun Ahn, both from South Korea.

## Forsyth takes three-shot lead over Garcia and Poulter

SOTOGRADE, Spain — Alastair Forsyth fired a four-under-par 67 Saturday to open a three-shot lead over Ian Poulter and Sergio Garcia in the third round of the Volvo Masters at Valderrama.

Play was completed in fading light after an 86-minute after-noon delay caused by a passing thunderstorm.

## SCOREBOARD

## AFN TV &amp; Radio

## Sunday

**AFN-Football, 11 a.m.**—College football: Miami at North Carolina (D).

**AFN-Artists, 11 a.m.**—College football: Alabama at Arizona 2.

**AFN-Radio, 6:30 a.m.**—Auto racing: Nexcel Coast to Coast (MMA 50).

**AFN-Football, 7 p.m.**—NFL: Baltimore at Philadelphia.

**AFN-Pacific, 7 p.m.**—NFL: NY Giants at Minnesota.

**AFN-Radio, 7 p.m.**—NFL: Teams TD.

**AFN-Football, 10 p.m.**—NFL: New England at Pittsburgh.

**AFN-Football, 10 p.m.**—NFL: Atlanta at Denver.

**AFN-Radio, 10 p.m.**—NFL: Teams TD.

**AFN-Radio, 10:30 p.m.**—NFL: Carolina at Seattle.

## Monday

**AFN-Artists, 11 a.m.**—NFL: Jacksonville at Houston (D).

**AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m.**—NFL: San Francisco at Chicago.

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—Golf: PGA Tour, Chrysler Championship, final round (D).

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NFL: Cincinnati at Tennessee (D).

**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—Soccer: MLS playoffs, conference semifinals, New England at Columbus (D).

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## Sunday's games

**Miami** 31, **St. Louis** 14

**Detroit** 28, **NY Giants** 13

**New Orleans** 20, **Buffalo** 6

**Atlanta** 28, **Atlanta** 10

**Jacksonville** 27, **Indianapolis** 24

**Tampa Bay** 17, **Cleveland** 10

**San Francisco** 27, **Tennessee** 3

**New England** 13, **Cleveland** 3

**Philadelphia** 10, **Dallas** 20

**NY Giants** 11, **NY Jets** 7

**Seattle** 20, **San Francisco** 10

**Arizona** 25, **Seattle** 17

**San Diego** 13, **Oakland** 26

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New England 1, Columbus 0, New England leads series 1-0

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New England at Columbus

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# No. 8 Boise St. crushes Chang, Hawaii

## Warriors QB ends up career leader in interceptions, not yards, in 69-3 loss

By TIM BOOTH  
The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Hawaii's Timmy Chang is still chasing the NCAA Division I-A passing record, and that's exactly what Boise State wanted.

Just when it seemed as if Ty Detmer's record of 15,031 yards passing was going to fall, No. 18 Boise State played its most defensive game of the season.

Chang finished 14 yards short of the record Friday night, and Boise State gave up just a first-quarter field goal in a 69-3 rout of Hawaii that extended the Broncos' winning streak to 19 games, the longest in the country.

Chang had not been held to less than 294 yards passing this season, but Boise State's defense allowed just 227 yards and made sure the only record Chang set was a dubious one.

Chang was intercepted four times, and he broke the Division I-A career interception record of 74 held by former Purdue quarterback Mark Herrmann.

Chang's performance became a footnote to a Boise State offense that scored 69 straight points, including 38 in the third quarter.

The Broncos won their 23rd straight Western Athletic Conference game and 24th in a row at home.



Hawaii QB Timmy Chang fell 14 yards short of Ty Detmer's NCAA career passing record, but threw four interceptions to break Mark Herrmann's Division I-A career record of 74.

"People kept asking us, 'How are you going to stop those guys?'" Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said. "Well, our guys stepped up. I couldn't be happier."

Instead of Chang being the quarterback in the spotlight, it was Boise State's Jared Zabransky who had a record-setting night.

The Broncos' sophomore ran for 123 yards and four touchdowns, including a school-record



Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky ran for 123 yards and four touchdowns, including a school-record 85-yard TD run in the third quarter. Zabransky also passed for 164 yards.

85-yard TD run in the third quarter. He also passed for 164 yards. The four touchdowns tied a school record.

It was the second straight week Boise State's running game excelled. Last week against Fresno State, the Broncos rushed 55 times for 164 yards.

Friday night, Boise State was far more successful, gaining 425 yards on 50 carries. It was the Broncos' highest rushing total since moving up to Division I-A in 1996.

"That 85-yard run was pretty nice," Zabransky said. "The guys up front did a great job."

Five Broncos rushed for more than 50 yards against a Hawaii run defense ranked 106th in the country.

Leading 24-3 at halftime, the Broncos blew the game open in the third quarter, scoring on all six of their possessions.

Tyler Jones kicked a 24-yard field goal on Boise State's opening possession of the half. Jon Helmandollar had a 4-yard TD run, and Quinton Jones followed with a 38-yard scoring run, and Zabransky added two TDs. Jeff Carpenter capped the quarter with a 26-yard run with three seconds left.

"I thought two years ago when we played Hawaii, that was about as close to a perfect as I've ever been involved with," Hawkins said of the Broncos' 58-31 home victory in 2002. "I think this was probably better. It was unbelievable."

The Broncos improved to 4-0 against the Warriors since joining the conference in 2001.

Chang entered the game needing 241 yards to break the record Detmer set from 1988-91. But Boise State's pass defense — ranked 103rd in the country — frustrated Chang into his worst performance of the season.

With chants of "Timmy! Timmy!" from the near-sellout crowd at Bronco Stadium, Chang completed 26 of 53 passes. His last pass was incomplete on fourth-and-1 at the Boise State 11 with 6:09 remaining.

"I didn't throw with accuracy and we didn't sustain drives," Chang said. "No, those things against a great team like Boise State and it's not going to work out."

Last week, Boise State held Fresno State to just 17 rushing yards and 191 total yards.

"It was my dream tonight to shut Chang down," Broncos cornerback Gabe Franklin said. "They were a powerhouse and we shut them down."

Chang threw all four interceptions in the second half, with Chris Barrios returning the last one 50 yards for a touchdown worth 12:04 left.

The Broncos had 533 yards of offense by the end of the third quarter and finished with 589. The 66-point margin tied the worst road loss in Hawaii history, matching a 66-0 loss at Wyoming in 1996.

Hawaii (3-4, 3-3) is 0-3 on the road this season and has outscored 158-52 away from home. The Warriors had won three of their last four games.

# Newman wins 4th straight Atlanta pole

## Ninth-place driver in chase for Nextel Cup championship still seeking first victory at track

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — Ryan Newman will start Sunday's NASCAR race from a familiar spot — the pole.

Newman won his third straight pole and eighth of the year Friday night, grabbing the top spot for the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 with a speed of 191.575 mph in a Dodge at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

This has become downright routine for Newman, who has won the pole in 26 of his 113 career races. He's led that category the last two years and has two more poles than anyone else this season.

"That's the toughest part. We have no excuse now," Newman said. "We've proved we're the fastest race car on a given lap. We have to be able to do that for 60 laps in a row here."

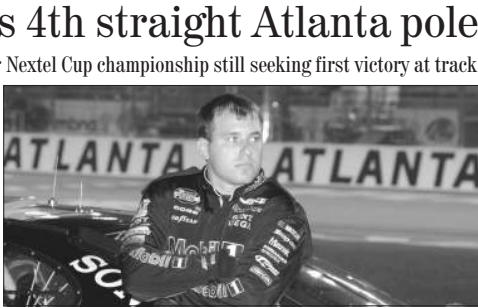
Kurt Busch, who holds a 96-point lead over Newman in the championship chase, qualified 22nd at 187.72. Gordon seeking his fifth NASCAR title, will start 10th.

When it comes to qualifying, Newman has been unbeatable on this 1.54-mile trioval. He claims his fourth straight Atlanta pole, but has yet to win a Nextel Cup race at the track.

Joe Nemechek claimed the outside of the front row at 191.318 — a mere 39-thousandths of a second off Newman's time.

Nemechek has emerged as one of the best qualifiers in the circuit, claiming back-to-back poles at Talladega and Kansas City earlier this month.

"We've been on a roll," he said. Elliott Sadler took the third spot at 191.080. Truck series star Carl Edwards will miss the best start of his Nextel Cup career, posting the fourth-fastest speed (191.080).



Ryan Newman won this third straight Nextel Cup pole and series-high eighth of the season Friday night at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Newman has won the pole for 26 of his 113 career races.

Greg Biffle, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Mark Martin, Jimmie Johnson, Kevin Harvick and Gordon completed the top 10.

Teammates Gordon and Johnson — the winner the past two weeks — were back on the track just five days after a team plane crashed while en route to Martinsville, Va., for last weekend's race.

The crash killed 10, including the son, brother and twin nieces of team owner Rick Hendrick, along with his general manager and chief engine builder.

As for Hendrick's other drivers, Brian Vickers won 13th and Terry Labonte had to take provisional spot after finishing back in 44th.

Fifty-eight drivers attempted to make the

43-car field, the most since 59 hit the track for the 1999 Daytona 500.

Among those sent home: Scott Riggs and Scott Wimmer, both failing to make a race for the first time this year, and Earnhardt's older brother, Kerry.

"It's the end of the year, and so many teams are bringing out their test teams and their new teams for next year," Nemechek said.

"The sport is too competitive for teams that have problems coming into Friday. You've got to be on your game every time you're on the track."

Home state favorite Bill Elliott barely made it in, claiming the 38th — and final — spot based on time. The Danville native will race for the sixth time this year in a limited schedule.

## Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 lineup

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1. (12) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 191.575 mph.
2. (11) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 191.318.
3. (18) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 191.080.
4. (20) Carl Edwards, Ford, 190.986.
5. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 190.651.
6. (4) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 189.876.
7. (2) Mark Martin, Ford, 189.740.
8. (40) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 189.500.
9. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 189.448.
10. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 189.280.
11. (10) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 189.170.
12. (22) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 188.922.
13. (25) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 188.825.
14. (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.745.
15. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 188.738.
16. (41) Casey Mears, Dodge, 188.648.
17. (14) John Andretti, Ford, 188.616.
18. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 188.594.
19. (13) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 188.296.
20. (80) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 188.213.
21. (30) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 188.075.
22. (97) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 187.722.
23. (17) Kevin Lesage, Dodge, 187.596.
24. (50) Todd Bodine, Dodge, 187.418.
25. (16) Brent Gaughan, Ford, 187.316.
26. (86) Travis Kvapil, Dodge, 186.975.
27. (22) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 186.900.
28. (90) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 186.780.
29. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 186.755.
30. (15) Tony Roper, Chevrolet, 186.747.
31. (23) Shane Hmiel, Dodge, 186.522.
32. (9) Casey Mears, Dodge, 186.491.
33. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 186.447.
34. (7) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 186.352.
35. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 186.318.
36. (11) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 185.965.
37. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, provisional.
38. (8) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 185.785.
39. (12) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 185.780.
40. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, provisional.
41. (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, provisional.
42. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, provisional.
43. (21) Ricky Rudd, Ford, provisional.

**Failed to qualify**  
44. (34) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 185.164.  
45. (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 184.603.  
46. (1) Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 184.413.  
47. (30) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 183.795.  
48. (25) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 183.436.  
49. (54) Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 183.378.  
50. (94) Derrick Cocke, Dodge, 182.763.  
51. (24) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 182.763.  
52. (13) Greg Skaff, Dodge, 182.687.  
53. (4) Jeff Ford, Dodge, 182.687.  
54. (72) Greg Skaff, Dodge, 182.687.  
55. (24) Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 182.763.  
56. (80) Andy Belmont, Ford, 175.549.  
57. (62) Larry Hollenbeck, Chevrolet, 177.790.  
58. (80) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, no speed.

# Garcia-parra becomes a free agent

## Red Sox keep 3B Mueller; Lowell, Marlins agree on new contract

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — While the Boston Red Sox prepared for their victory parade, their former All-Star shortstop, Nolasco Garcia-parra, filed for free agency.

Until he was dealt to the Chicago Cubs on July 31 as part of a four-team trade, Garcia-parra had spent his entire career — 8½ years — with the Red Sox, who beat St. Louis on Wednesday to complete



Garcia-parra

Series sweep. Garcia-parra has said he would consider returning to Chicago, and General Manager Jim Hendry has already spoken with his agent, Arn Tellem. But Garcia-parra also wants to test the free agent market for the first time in his career.

"I'm going to experience something I never experienced in the offseason," Garcia-parra said on the last day of the season. "Like I said, this is one of those places I'll consider. No question."

But there likely will be plenty of other suitors for the five-time All-Star and two-time AL batting champion. Though Garcia-parra was slowed by injuries to his

Achilles' tendon, left wrist and groin — he played only 81 games — he hit 308 with nine homers and 41 RBIs for the Red Sox and Cubs.

Garcia-parra batted .321 in 38 games with Boston and .297 in 43 games with the Cubs. In their first move since winning their first Series title since 1918, the Red Sox exercised a \$2.5 million option Friday on third baseman Bill Mueller instead of paying a \$500,000 buy-out.

"We have tremendous ownership. We have a great nucleus. We have a lot of resources," Mueller said Wednesday night. "Maybe we can contend for this every single year."

The 2003 AL batting champion hit .283 with 12 homers and 57 RBIs this season. Mueller, limited to 110 games by arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, had the tying single against the New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning of Game 4 of the AL championship series, starting Boston's comeback from an 0-3 deficit.

Boston, scheduled to be honored in a parade Saturday, has up to 16 players eligible for free agency, including pitchers Terry Adams and Pedro Astacio, who among 58 players to file Friday, raising the total to 123 of the 215 potentially eligible.

Cardinals shortstop Edgar

Renteria filed along with catcher Mike Matheny and outfielder Ray Lankford. Re-signing Renteria, 29, is expected to be one of the Cardinals' top priorities. He batted .287 with 10 home runs and 72 RBIs this season. Florida All-Star third baseman Mike Lowell, who could have opted out of his contract, agreed to a new contract with the Florida Marlins that guarantees the remaining \$25.5 million his previous deal called for.

Lowell signed a \$32 million, 4-year contract before last season — with a provision that if an agreement for a new ball-park was not in place by Monday, the final two seasons would be voided. And Lowell would have a player option for



Lowell

2005.

"It was hopeful that things would work out because I want to be a Florida Marlin," said Lowell, a three-time All-Star who hit .293 with 27 home runs and 85 RBIs last season. "It would have been hard for me to play under a one-year deal."

Cincinnati exercised first baseman Sean Casey's \$8.5 million option for 2006.

"The fact that they picked up

the contract shows me they want me to be here," he said.

Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin and Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel filed for free agency along with Colorado third base-



Castilla

man Mike Castilla, who declined a \$2.1 million mutual option after hitting 35 homers in his first season back with the Rockies and leading the NL with 131 RBIs.

Texas declined an \$8,066,667 option on Rusty Greer and will give a \$600,000 buyout to the injured outfielder, who hasn't played since July 11, 2002, but has collected \$21.8 million for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 seasons. The Rangers also declined a \$4 million option on outfielder Brian Jordan, who will get a \$125,000 buyout.

The Yankees declined a \$3 million option on first baseman Travis Lee and a \$3.6 million option on reliever, Rich Quinlan. Lee gets a \$250,000 buyout. Quinlan a \$400,000 buyout.

The Cubs exercised their \$2 million option on right-hander Ryan Dempster, and Detroit declined a \$1.1 million option on right-hander Al Levine, instead giving him a \$100,000 buyout.

# Rangers' Francisco pleading not guilty

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers reliever Frank Francisco pleaded not guilty Friday to a misdemeanor assault charge for breaking a woman's nose after tossing a chair into the stands at his game, his

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attorney said.

Francisco could face a year in county jail and a maximum three years' probation if convicted. A felony charge carried a possible penalty of three years in state prison.

The pitcher was not required to appear Friday in Alameda County Superior Court for his arraignment.

"We have no intention of pleading guilty to that charge," said his attorney, Rick Minickoff. "I was hopeful... that there wouldn't be any criminal charges. We'll just have to see."

Francisco hurled a plastic chair into the right field seats after fans near the Rangers bullpen began heckling the team's ace reliever's loss to the A's on Sept. 13.

The chair struck Jennifer Bueno of Livermore, breaking her nose.

Francisco was suspended for 15 games and has since returned to his home in the Dominican Republic.

**Bashall will review Franco after law enforcement**

NEW YORK — The baseball commissioner's office will wait until after a government investigation to examine whether there has been a relationship between New York Mets reliever John Franco and alleged mobsters.

Franco has given people associated with the Bonanno crime family free tickets for Mets games and passes to visit him in the clubhouse, *ganglandnews.com* reported Thursday. Prosecutors may ask Franco to testify in the trial of Vito Rizzuto, the Web site reported, adding that Franco arranged in 1993 for alleged mobsters to get tickets for a Mets game scheduled Oct. 27.

Franco wouldn't comment on the specifics of the report.

**Tigers make roster moves**

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers declined a \$1.1 million option on pitcher Al Levine on Friday and have agreed to a one-year contract with pitcher Jamie Walker.

Levine, a right-hander, was 3-4 with a 4.58 ERA in 65 games for the Tigers last season. Walker, a left-hander, was 3-4 with a 3.20 ERA in 70 games this year and was 8-8 with a 3.38 ERA over three seasons.

# Sox parade draws hundreds of thousands

BY KEN MAGUIRE

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Hundreds of thousands of Red Sox fans jammed streets and the banks of the Charles River on Saturday to watch a parade many had begun to doubt they would ever witness: a toast to a World Series champion team.

The team that last won the World Series in 1918 was given a victory procession on land and water, winding from the streets near Fenway Park past Boston Common and City Hall and then onto the Charles about 17 of the amphibious vehicles known since World War II as "ducks."

Pedro Martinez was hit in the forehead by a baseball thrown from the banks of the Charles while riding on a boat, but the star pitcher did not appear seriously injured.

Some fans stood on the streets and river banks — in places as many as 10 to 25 people deep — while others stood atop buildings or waved from windows as the team rode past.

World Series MVP Manny Ramirez waved a sign that a fan handed him. "Jeter is playing golf this. This is better!" a reference to Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter. Other fans tossed balloons in tribute to the four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.



Boston Red Sox star David Ortiz smiles and waves to cheering fans as he holds the World Series trophy during Saturday's parade in Boston.

Officials extended the 3-mile parade into the Charles River because of projections that as many as 5 million people would pack the city.

"I've been waiting for this all my life," said Rich Brantley, 47, of Milford, Conn., who traveled through the water as the boat continued down the river for the final leg of the parade.

Police said 10 people were arrested, 12 people were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor injuries and 30 people were treated on the street.

Martinez looked stunned when hit by the ball, putting his hand to his forehead. The ball was later seen floating in the water as the boat continued down the river for the final leg of the parade.

Jim Averill, 42, of Boston, said the ball was thrown at a high speed from the river bank. He said pitcher Derek Lowe tried to catch it before it struck Martinez.

"It hit him and it flew up about 15 feet and fell into the water," he said. Wild cheers greeted the Red Sox players when they stepped out Fenway Park before the parade. At an impromptu rally on the field, manager Terry Francona

said his team always had what it took to win even if his scruffy players — who dubbed themselves "idiots" — didn't always look serious.

"They may not wear their hair normal, they may not dress normal, but they play the game as good as you can," Francona said.

During the parade, several players hoisted signs that said "Idiots Rule!"

That the World Series victory came at the expense of the Yankees, whom the Red Sox beat in a historic comeback in the playoffs, made it that much sweeter.

"Every Red Sox fan from now on can walk into Yankee stadium with their head high," catcher Jason Varitek said.

Because so many fans were expected in Boston to celebrate the team's World Series triumph, the plan for the parade did not include any stops or a staged rally.

Authorities would not let fans stuff themselves into City Hall Plaza, where the New England Patriots held rallies after they won the Super Bowl twice in the past three years. It was a crowd that size and it's very unpredictable," Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole told The Associated Press on Friday. "One of the reasons we're not having the parade rally location is that we're concerned that it could be a dangerous situation."



## Miller out 4-6 weeks after breaking hand

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle was told Reggie Miller will miss 4-6 weeks with a broken left hand, he couldn't help but think the worst.

"Hopefully they won't tell me six to eight weeks tomorrow," Carlisle said.

After a disastrous preseason, his pessimism is certainly warranted.

Miller, the third Indiana starter to go down with an injury, broke a bone in his non-shooting hand in the first quarter of the Pacers' 98-79 exhibition loss to the Denver Nuggets on Friday.

"Obviously, now it's a great thing that we have an extra two-guard over there," Carlisle said, referring to Stephen Jackson and Fred Jones.

Indiana is already without Jermaine O'Neal (strained left foot ligament), Jeff Foster (hip), Anthony Johnson (broken hand), David Harrison (shoulder) and Jonathan Bender (knee).

Carlisle said Friday that O'Neal might miss the regular-season opener next week, while Foster and Johnson are expected to be sidelined 6-8 weeks after initial estimates had them both missing 4-6 weeks.

The Pacers are hoping Harrison and Bender will be ready for the opener on Wednesday at Cleveland.

Jones, acquired in a trade with Atlanta for Al Harrington, will start in Miller's place and Jones will get more minutes off the bench.

"There's only one way to respond," Jones said. "We have to go out there and start winning games. We just have to go out and do our thing. We'll just switch the roles around."

With Jackson, a scorer and clutch shooter, the Pacers should not miss much of a beat without the aging Miller, the team's career scoring leader. But the Pacers will miss Jackson's offensive output and veteran experience off the bench.

"We're going to have to make some changes based on the situation we're in now," Carlisle said. "We're going to have to be a precise team in the short term."

All the injuries put more pressure on Ron Artest, the team's No. 2 scorer last season, to come through on both ends of the floor, which is just fine with him.

"We're going to be fine," said Artest, who had 24 points, seven rebounds and three steals Friday night. "I'll make sure we'll be all right."

## Stern touts NBA's TV network

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In this age of niche cable networks, David Stern has some easy instructions for NBA fans.

"When you tire of watching Emswiler on the Food Network, we expect you to turn to NBA TV to watch the New Orleans Hornets. When you tire of watching 'Cribs' on MTV, we expect you to move to NBA TV so you can watch the houses of the rich and famous NBA players," the NBA commissioner said. "We've got it all for the basketball fan."

As NBA TV approaches its fifth anniversary, and its second full season of televising games, the league finds itself in the interesting position of building up its own network and drawing viewers to the channel while still offering it as a supplement to its broadcast partners at ABC, ESPN and Turner Sports.

The NBA is certainly not the only league facing this challenge — or opportunity, depending on how the situation is viewed. The NFL has its own channel and Major League Baseball is getting ready to launch one of its own. The NHL, in the midst of a player lockout, has a channel in Canada and is looking into broadcasting in the United States. College sports, auto racing, golf and tennis are some of the other sports with entire channels dedicated to them.



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"We're going to reach the stage when every big-time professional league will have one," said Neal Pilson, media consultant and former CBS Sports president. "It's a natural outgrowth of the importance of these leagues."

Now available in 66 million homes (though only about 10 million actually have it) and seen in 40 countries following a recent agreement with Hong Kong, NBA TV will air 96 regular-season games in 2004-05 and select games in the first round of the playoffs.

Stern says there are no plans to expand the network's game coverage, noting that between the league's network, ABC, TNT and ESPN and ESPN2, there are NBA games on television every night of the week.

"Ninety-six is a robust number," Stern said.

TNT airs 52 games this season, ESPN and ESPN2 combine to air 75 and ABC has 23 games (10 regional) as well as the NBA Finals.

### Suns buy out contract, then waive Easley

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns waived guard Howard Easley after buying out his contract

on Friday. Terms of the buyout were not disclosed.

The 31-year-old Easley played 34 games for the Suns last season after being acquired on Jan. 5 in a multiplayer trade that sent Stephon Marbury and Penny Hardaway to the New York Knicks.

### Jazz sign Kirilenko to contract extension

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrei Kirilenko signed a 6-year, \$86 million contract extension with the Utah Jazz, a deal that took three months to negotiate.

"This is the team which I love and is where I want to stay for the rest of my career," Kirilenko said Friday. "It's pretty nice to be a part of this team — of a family actually. It's my family for the next seven years."

The fourth-year All-Star forward from Russia has been with the team longer than any other current player. The extension kicks in next season and is for the maximum amount allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement.

It completed a long summer for vice president for basketball operations Kevin O'Connor, who added restricted free agents Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur to the Jazz in July.

With Kirilenko, 23, Boozer, 22, and Okur, 25, Utah appears set in the frontcourt for several years.

Kirilenko led the Jazz in scoring last year with a 16.2 average.

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# Martin's rough style good fit for Nuggets

By JOHN MARSHALL  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Kenyon Martin plays basketball with the fury of a middle linebacker, scowling, crashing into bodies, even bloodying a few noses.

Don't like it? So what.

Whether it's the rough-and-tumble Eastern Conference, where he spent his first four years, or the finesse of the West, where he'll play this season with the Denver Nuggets, Martin isn't about to back off. Heck, he'd probably throw elbows in a rec league.

"I'm going to play my game no matter where I'm playing," Martin said. "Whether it be a church league or whatever, no matter what, I'm going to do my thing regardless."

That became evident to the Nuggets immediately.

Before training camp started, Martin punched new teammate Nene in the eye during a rough workout. A few days into camp, Martin berated a Nuggets staff member for making what he thought was a bad call, then kicked a ball into the rafters after missing a couple of shots.

How did the Nuggets respond to Martin's outbursts? With a smile.

"Kenyon knows only one way. That's all-out mentally and physically and emotionally at all times," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "He's someone who brings it."

Martin's uncompromising approach has raised expectations in Denver.

The Nuggets made a dramatic turnaround last season, following the lead of rookie Carmelo Anthony and reaching the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons. Adding Martin, an All-Star who came to Denver in a sign-and-trade deal with New Jersey, has the Nuggets looking for even more this year.

It's easy to see why.

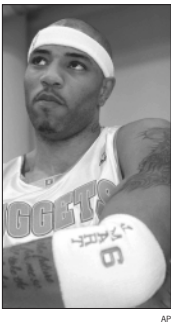
Denver needed someone who could slow down the opponents' best scorer and clear rebounds. Martin is one of the league's best defensive forwards, a rugged, athletic player who can match up against centers and small forwards without giving away much to either.

The Nuggets, using an up-tempo game, posted 43 victories last season, but bogged down in the grind-it-out style of the playoffs against a Minnesota Superstar.

Martin is a superb finisher in the open court and is used to the half-court game after reaching the NBA Finals twice with New Jersey.

K-Mart also gives the Nuggets some much-needed grit, someone who'll talk trash, mix it up inside and do whatever he can to knock the opponent off his game. Teams that pushed the Nuggets around last year won't have as easy a day with Martin patrolling the paint.

"Kenyon's an All-Star for many



The Denver Nuggets' acquisition of Kenyon Martin, above, in the offseason further raises expectations for a team that was already much improved after drafting Carmelo Anthony last season.

reasons," Bzdelik said. "Part of it is his tenacious desire to help his team win. I think Kenyon is really going to tie up a lot of loose ends."

And not just on the court.

After going to the playoffs three times in four years, including consecutive trips to the NBA Finals, Martin also brings postseason experience that could come in handy in Denver. The wide-eyed Nuggets' haven't have the experience to keep up with the Timberwolves in last year's playoffs, losing in five games.

"He's been there before, so he can bring that mentality to our locker room, and it's going to help everybody," Anthony said. "The guy we can look to."

And listen to.

Martin talks a good game on the court and can be just as vocal in the locker room. Just ask him.

"That's who I am," Martin said. "I don't ever have a closed mouth, on the court, in the locker room."

That kind of attitude could be just what's needed in Denver, where most of best players are lead-by-example types.

Veterans Andre Miller and Voshon Lenard certainly have the experience to lead, but neither one is outspoken enough to come forward when things get tough.

Anthony became the team's de facto leader last season and had some growing pains. Though he was superb down the stretch of the season, playing his best basketball at the best time, he also refused to go back into a game when his teammates questioned his shot selection midway through the year.

Martin isn't afraid to say what needs to be said. And with his background, the Nuggets are likely to listen.

"People want to get on the bandwagon with him," guard Bryon Russell said.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Ansbach's Darnell Outley breaks a tackle by Bamberg's Ben Woomer (54) Saturday on his way to his second touchdown of the day in Ansbach's 45-14 semifinal victory over Bamberg in Katterbach, Germany. It was the 23rd straight victory for the Cougars, who will play for the Division III crown in Baumholder on Saturday.

## Ansbach wins 23rd straight, will meet Baumholder in final

Stars and Stripes

### Division III football

Ansbach rolled to a 39-0 half-time lead and cruised to a 45-14 victory over visiting Bamberg in the Division III semifinals Saturday in Katterbach, Germany.

It was the 23rd straight victory for the Cougars, who are 7-0 this season.

Darnell Outley scored Ansbach's first two touchdowns on an 11-yard run and a 3-yard run in the first quarter. Mike Ewing hit both PATs to make it 14-0.

Brandon Bachtel then hit tight end Russell Bailey for a 10-yard score to make it 20-0, and Adam Golden ran a fumble back 25 yards as Ansbach finished the first quarter with a 27-0 lead.

Following another Bamberg fumble, backup quarterback John Willis-Norris hit Bachtel with a 13-yard score, and James Esthers returned an interception 90 yards for a 37-point halftime lead.

Bamberg finally got on the board in the third quarter on Tim Battle's 85-yard touchdown run. Christian Poppel kicked the extra point to make it 37-7.

The Barons, who finished the year 4-3, scored again when T'Andrea Stuckey ran in from 28 yards out.

Ansbach salted away the game when Bachtel hit Bailey with a 2-yard pass.

The Ansbach quarterbacks were a combined 9-for-13 for 55 yards and two touchdowns. The Cougars, who got 57 yards from Taurean Moore and 54 yards from Esthers, gained 218 yards on the ground.

Battle led the Bamberg offense with 205 yards rushing.

The Cougars will face Baumholder on Saturday in the Division III final in Baumholder.

In Saturday's other Division III semifinal:

### Baumholder 19, Hohenfels

14: At Baumholder, the Bucs earned their second straight Division title-game berth against Ansbach by rallying from a 14-13 deficit with four minutes to play.

After Hohenfels had gone up by a point on a 54-yard scoring pass play from Jason Parks to Stephen Washington, Baumholder quarterback Chris Bray answered with a 60-yard pass to Ron James for the winning score.

Rashad Taylor, who had scored Baumholder's two earlier TDs, broke the 200-yard rushing barrier for the second straight week. He carried 29 times for 213 yards as the Bucs improved to 6-1.

In last week's 40-29 quarterfinal victory against Rota, Taylor had rushed for 236 yards.

Carl Roberts added 103 yards on 25 carries for Baumholder.

Parks was 5-for-10 for 93 yards and two TDs as Hohenfels, which defeated Baumholder 55-30 in the season opener, closed out its season with a 4-3 record.

Prior to hooking up with freshman Stephen Washington for the go-ahead score, Parks connected with Junior Hohenfeld on a 17-yard scoring play.

Baumholder led Hohenfels' power-running Brandon Merriweather to just 22 yards on 10 carries.



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Hanan's Devin Hayes smacks a forehead winner against ISB's Jan Koide during the boys singles final of the DODDS European Tennis Championships in Wiesbaden-Nordenstadt, Germany, on Saturday.

# Unbeaten Hayes nets European tennis title

BY ALEX STEELE

Special to Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN-NORDENSTADT, Germany — Seniors Devin Hayes of Hanau and Flavia Cincione of Marymount capped their high school careers by winning DODDS-European tennis titles Saturday.

Hayes defeated Jun Koide of the International School of Brussels 6-3 to win the boys' title, while Cincione defeated Lakenheath's Jackie Esguerra 6-3, 6-1 to claim the girls' crown.

After placing third in last year's tournament, Hayes was thrilled with his first-place finish this year.

"This is awesome! I can't even describe it," he said after defeating the top-seeded Koide. "I knew I'd do well, but I had no idea how well. He was by far my toughest opponent."

Hayes, who finished the season undefeated, credited his coach, Mark Gillett.

"He's been a great friend that I can talk to," said Hayes, who plans to continue his tennis career in Florida in the fall.

Cincione put an end to a surprising run by Esguerra, a freshman playing in her first DODDS tournament.

"She is a really good player," Cincione. "It was a good match."

Students from Italy and Turkey play their high school tennis in the spring, but Cincione was able to compete in this year's Europeans because she placed first in last year's Mediterranean championship.

Both doubles team champions have from ISB.

Nikolas Serpanos and Ken Koide defeated Ramstein's Matt Omdal and Matt Luthman 7-5, 5-7, 6-5 for the boys' title.

Paula Glover and Izumi Takeuchi defeated Heidelberg's Paulina Ryan and Christina Staik 6-0, 6-2 in the girls' final.

## High school scoreboard

### Volleyball

#### Boys

(Saturday at Vincenza)  
Aviano def. Vincenza 21-25, 25-13, 25-13

(Saturday at American Overseas School of Rome; individual game scores unavailable)  
ACSR def. Naples 3-0  
ACSR def. Sigonella 3-0  
Naples def. Sigonella 2-1

#### Girls

(Saturday at Brussels)  
Brussels def. Giessen 14-26, 25-18, 25-13, 25-10

Netoworthy — Senior hitter Reese Bontsch served 12 straight to lead Brussels from a 10-13 deficit to close out the second game. Baumböhrer def. Giessen 18-25, 25-20, 25-19

(Saturday at American Overseas School of Rome; individual game scores unavailable)  
Naples def. ACSR 3-4  
Sigonella def. ACSR 3-0  
Sigonella def. Naples 3-0

(Saturday at Lakenheath)

Lakenheath def. Heidelberg 25-17, 25-20, 25-13  
Lakenheath def. Mannheim 25-8, 25-10, 25-15

Heidelberg def. Mannheim 25-10, 25-2 and 25-21

Netoworthy — Setter and team captain Lindsay Mansfield led the way for Lakenheath, according to coach Michael Mickenberg. Ashley Lavriere made 12 kills against Heidelberg and 5 kills against Mannheim. Ashley Mansfield posted a total of 6 kills. Heidelberg's Natalia Andon had four overalls, and Jenna Palaschuk served 24 straight aces in Game 2 against Mannheim.

#### Girls

(Saturday at SHAPE)  
Hanau def. SHAPE 25-15, 25-23, 25-23  
Ramstein def. Hanau 25-17, 25-18, 25-15

SHAPE def. SHAPE 25-17, 25-23, 25-15  
Ramstein JV def. Hanau JV 25-9, 25-18, 25-25  
Ramstein JV def. SHAPE JV 22-25, 25-23, 25-19, 25-23

Netoworthy — SHAPE JV player Laura Barnabass scored 25 points in a row in 25-9 win over Hanau.

#### Boys

(Saturday at Vincenza)  
Vincenza def. Livorno 25-11, 25-23, 25-20

Aviano def. Livorno 25-12, 25-24, 25-15

Aviano def. Vincenza 25-15, 25-10, 25-20

#### Girls

(Saturday at Heidelberg)  
Ansbach def. Heidenheim 25-27, 25-23, 27-25, 25-20

Ansbach def. Bamberg 25-21, 25-17, 25-18

Heidenheim def. Bamberg 25-20, 19-25, 25-20, 25-14

Heidenheim JV def. Bamberg JV 27-25, 28-26, 25-18

### (Saturday at Kaiserslautern)

Frankfurt International School def. Wiesbaden 25-13, 25-17, 26-24

FIS def. Kaiserslautern 25-23, 25-13, 25-13  
Kaiserslautern def. Wiesbaden 25-16, 25-19, 25-12

Netoworthy — K-town coach Stan Kyle chose hitter Jai Gibson as his player of the match.

### (Saturday at Kanderland, Germany)

Black Forest Academy def. Bittburg 25-23, 21-25, 25-8, 25-18

Netoworthy — Megan Woodward had 12 kills and 7 aces and Alex Scionfenza posted 9 aces for BFA.

Netoworthy — Kasey's Lalau had 10 kills, Erin Hopkins 5 blocks, Heather Hall 16 assists and Kim Niles 25 service points for Patch.

Netoworthy — Lalau had 5 kills and 16 service points for Patch, which got 4 blocks from Hopkins and 5 assists from Hall. Woodward registered 9 kills and 4 aces and Kelsey Garrity 2 blocks and 10 assists for BFA.

London Central def. Menwith Hill 25-9, 25-19, 25-21

Netoworthy — London Central was led by Anna Rodriguez with 7 kills and 1 block, Kelsey Anderson with 4 kills, and Micaela Galaway with 11 aces.

### (Saturday at London Central)

Alconbury def. Menwith Hill 25-10, 25-11, 25-25

Netoworthy — Alconbury's Kristine Ferran had 16 service points. Teammate Caitlin Cairns had 6 blocks, 5 aces, and 8 kills, and Calin Bascom added 19 assists and 7 digs.

Alconbury def. London Central 25-22, 25-23, 25-14

Netoworthy — Alconbury's Kristine Ferran had 13 kills and 14 service points, Katie Schott had 10 kills, Ferran had 16 service points, 13 digs and 1 block, and Bascom had 10 kills and 11 aces.

Netoworthy — London Central's Anderson led her team with 11 kills and 5 assists. Alconbury went the D-II North conference championship.

## Cross country

### European championships

(5,000 miles Saturday at Heidelberg)

#### Boys

Division I-H Team scoring

Division I Ramstein 24, Heidelberg 69, International School of Brussels 12, Lakenheath 108, Kaiserslautern 122, Würzburg 143, Wiesbaden 146, Frankfurt International School 146

Division II-R Naples 61, Mannheim 73, SHAPE 89, Bittburg 107, Patch 111, Aviano 121, Black Forest Academy 122, Vilsbibel 174, St. John's 186.

### Top finishers

1. Danny Edwards (RAM) 16:24; 2. Greg Billington (LAK) 16:27; 3. Sam Dickinson (FIS) 16:30; 4. Matt Smith (FIS) 16:31; 5. Noah Sheppard (KAND) 16:39; 6. Steven Beckman (BAM) 17:02; 7. Parker Cowles (RAM) 17:01; 8. Will Dawson (HEID) 17:06; 9. Ben Elmer (RAM) 17:07; 10. Steve Burnett (RAM) 17:15; 11. Jeremy Brady (HEID) 17:23; 12. Nicholas Rogers (FIS) 17:31; 13. Max Forthright (RAM) 17:32; 14. Kevin Edwards (RAM) 17:33

### Divisions III-V

#### Team scoring

Division III: American Overseas School of Rome 16, Marymount 34, Heidenheim 48, Sigonella 52, London Central 54

Division IV: Menwith Hill 27, Brussels 33, Iceland 36, Alconbury 42, Lajes 72, Ankara 90, Incirlik 106

#### Top finishers

1. London Kemp (ALC) 18:00; 2. Joshua Kneeland (ACSR) 18:41; 3. Riccardo Serra (ACSR) 18:42; 4. Kenny Petermann (RAM) 18:43; 5. Neal Stainbrook (LCK) 18:53; 6. Nathan Barr (ALC) 18:55; 7. Matthew Tait (ACSR) 18:57; 8. Nathan Malinski (RAM) 19:03; 9. Jesse Best (RAM) 19:21; 10. Matt Reinman (RAM) 19:24

### Girls

#### Divisions I-II

##### Team scoring

Division I: Ramstein 36, Heidelberg 76, Kaiserslautern 81, Würzburg 120, Frankfurt International School 130, Lakenheath 156, International School of Brussels 156

Division II: Patch 28, SHAPE 58, Aviano 98, Naples 119, Black Forest Academy 121, St. John's 141, ANORTH 156, Vilsbibel 187

#### Top finishers

1. Ashleigh Russell (WIE) 20:48; 2. Erin Gray (WZB) 20:52; 3. Kristin Lajcs (WIE) 21:13; 4. Jessica Burt (FIS) 21:17; 5. Louise Chen (SHA) 21:22; 6. Kyla Brinkman (PAC) 21:41; 7. Maggie Redmond (PAC) 21:43; 8. Lorraine Tucker (KAND) 21:46; 9. Sarah Youngs (PAC) 21:47; 10. Shannon Byrd (PAC) 21:52; 11. Talitha Gruba (BFA) 22:00; 12. Stephanie Gonzalez (SHA) 22:01; 13. Katrina Green-Smith (AFV) 22:11; 14. Kaitlyn Dunn (BFA) 22:21

### Division III-V

#### Team scoring

Division III: Sigonella 12, American Overseas School of Rome 31, Marymount 48, London Central 52

Division IV: Lajes 20, Milan 23, Brussels 46, Iceland 62

#### Top finishers

1. Nicole Brooks (MIL) 22:34; 2. Lauren Leisner (MIL) 22:51; 3. Aisha Ibrahim (PAC) 22:55; 4. Samantha Bous (PAC) 22:55; 5. Sarah Ashby (LAK) 22:56; 6. Lillian Pecora (PAC) 23:02; 7. Sabrina Rossi (MIL) 23:07; 8. Stephanie Andreucci (MIL) 24:29; 9. Megan Gurbel (PAC) 24:36; 10. Talitha Smith (LAK) 24:41

# Run: Sigonella, ACSR rule I-II

## RUN, FROM BACK PAGE

Those schools were the D-II champion Sigonella girls and ACSR's boys and the Division IV champion Lajes girls and Menwith Hill boys. DODDS-Europe added D-IV to its European championships in cross country and volleyball this year to allow even the smallest schools a chance to compete for titles.

Heavy morning rain soaked the course and led standing water in the flats, but no one seemed to mind, even though wide 2-inch deep puddles barred the way up the first hill.

"I just ran through the puddles right away on purpose," Brooks said, "just to get wet and get it out of the way."

The bravest race of the day was run by defending girls' champion Charity Williams of Naples, who has been inactive for more than a month with a stress fracture in her left foot.

"I was on crutches with my foot in a boot for three weeks," said Williams, a junior who is the defending two-time European 1,500-meter champion. "I had an MRI the day before we left and the doctors said I could run if I

wanted to but I might have a lot of pain after the race."

Williams, who has run just four miles since losing the boot, said before the race she was hoping for a top-10 finish. In obvious pain during the race, she didn't crack the top 10, but still helped her team to a fourth-place finish in Division II.

Patch, with Jessica Russell leading the way, won the D-II girls' title by 30 points over SHAPE. The Panthers made it a sweep in D-II one race later when they routed Marymount for the D-II boys' crown.

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# Sieber PAT in overtime hits Wiesbaden to final

## Heidelberg blanks Würzburg to reach title game

Stars and Stripes

Lones Sieber kicked the game-winning extra point in overtime Saturday to give the Wiesbaden Warriors a 28-27 victory over the Ramstein Royals in a European Division I high school semifinal football game in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Sieber's bot followed Paul Fry's 4-yard TD run on Wiesbaden's first possession overtime to propel the Warriors into this Saturday's Division I title game against unbeaten Heidelberg in Baumholder.

Ramstein scored first in the tie-breaker, in which each team gets the ball on the 10-yard line with four downs to play. But the Royals' PAT try bounced off the right upright and opened the door for Wiesbaden.

Sieber, who earlier had thrown a 40-yard option pass to Daniel Stouter for a touchdown on a reverse, was up to the challenge and was carried off the field by his teammates.

PAT was his fourth of the game, and his second successive crucial kick.

In the fourth quarter, he added the point that tied the game at 21 after Matt Alexander had re-

### Division I football

turned an intercepted Eric Murray pass for a game-tying score. Alexander intercepted Murray off again with 22 seconds to play to send the game to OT.

For Fry, who carried 13 times for 85 yards, the touchdown in overtime was his second of the game. Dan Villareal added 77 yards on 14 rushes.

Murray, who was 4-for-8 on the day, connected with Brennan Relaford for two TDs and rushed for a third score.

Mark Stephenson rushed for the other Ramstein TD.

Shaun Honts, with nine solo tackles, a sack and a forced fumble, led the Ramstein defense, which also got 14 tackles and an interception from Matt Slaymaker.

Ramstein, the defending European Division I champion, finished its season 3-4. Wiesbaden will take a 6-1 record into the title game.

In Saturday's other D-I semi-

**Heidelberg 30, Würzburg 0:** At Heidelberg, the Lions blanked the Wolves for the second straight week, holding their guests to 19 yards of total offense.



Courtesy of Wally Rains

**Heidelberg's Lewis Allen is tackled from behind by Würzburg's Jim Curtis during a DODDS Division I semifinal in Heidelberg, Germany, on Saturday. Heidelberg defeated Würzburg 30-0.**

Brandon Simmons posted a pair of sacks and T.J. Trice intercepted a Würzburg pass for the Heidelberg defense, which held the Wolves to minus-seven yards rushing.

Adding to the defensive charge was a Steve Haas safety.

Jordan Yakana rushed for 190 yards and three touchdowns for Heidelberg (7-0).

Chris Jones, who had 82 yards rushing, scored the other TD.



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**Wiesbaden's Paul Fry scores on a run up the middle late in the fourth quarter against Ramstein on Saturday in Wiesbaden, Germany, to tie the Division I semifinal 21-21. Wiesbaden won 28-27.**

# SHAPE, ISB to square off in championship game

Stars and Stripes

The SHAPE Spartans used a strong ground game and a hard-hitting defense to defeat Naples 21-7 in a Division II semifinal football game Saturday in Naples, Italy.

The Spartans (6-1) jumped out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

Five minutes into the game, Stephen Small's 5-yard TD run capped a nine-play, 62-yard drive to give SHAPE a 6-0 lead. Marvin Combs hit the extra point to make it 7-0.

Then, with 1:46 left in the first quarter, SHAPE's Joe Puttman intercepted a Tyler Terronez pass at the Spartan 10-yard line and raced 90 yards for a score. Puttman had two interceptions.

"Our defense is physical. They were really hitting people today," said SHAPE coach Gregg Kappenman, whose defense held Naples to just 25 total yards and forced four turnovers.

SHAPE put the game away at 10:48 of the fourth when Richard Rendon ran in from 12 yards out. Combs' PAT made it 21-0. Rendon finished with 56 yards on eight carries.

SHAPE's leading rusher was Danny Camarena, who carried 18 yards for 113 yards. Small added 38 yards on seven carries.

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The Spartans controlled the clock with a strong inside run game, Kappenman said.

"Our offensive line really stepped up," the coach said. "We haven't run as well as I'd like, but we kept the ball on the ground and we were able to grind out a lot of yards."

Naples, which fell to 5-2, got on the board with just 1:53 left in the game when Terronez hit Danilo Stewart with a 41-yard TD strike. Tyler White's PAT set the final score.

Terronez was 6-for-14 for 87 yards.

Jason McKechnie paced the Naples' rushing attack with 24 carries for 140 yards. On defense, the Wildcats were led by Matt Briegel, who had 13 tackles.

But the Wildcats couldn't overcome the turnovers, coach Jim Hall said.

"It was a physical game against a good football team," Hall said. "They wore us down. They forced us to make mistakes."

SHAPE will take on the International School of Brussels in Saturday's championship game in Baumholder, Germany.



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

**SHAPE running back Stephen Small dives into the end zone with a Naples defender in tow to score a touchdown Saturday in the Spartans' 21-7 victory over the Wildcats.**

**ISB 20, Hanau 14:** At Brussels, Andrew Vanderlind's last-second interception at the Raiders' 5-yard line sealed a 20-14 victory over Hanau in the Division II semifinals.

Hanau had cut the lead to six points with 15 seconds left in the game when quarterback Ketrone Blanks hit Malcolm Lane for a 5-yard touchdown. The Panthers recovered the onside kick, but Blanks' next pass was snatched

up by Vanderlind to end the game.

ISB (7-0) took at 14-0 halftime lead with two second-quarter touchdowns. Drew Phigen capped a 65-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown run to give ISB a 6-0 lead.

After getting the ball back on a turnover, Vanderlind hauled in a 10-yard pass from Philip Lipman to make it 12-0. Lipman then hit Phigen for a two-point conversion.

The Panthers finally got on the board in the fourth quarter when Blanks hit Aaron Robinson for an 80-yard score to make it 14-7. But Lipman put the Raiders back up by 14 points with a 37-yard run.

Lipman finished with 183 yards rushing on 22 carries.

Blanks led the Panthers' offensive effort with 212 yards passing. Lane had 11 tackles on the defensive side of the ball for Hanau, which finished the season at 4-3.



# Rams hope bye week cures inconsistencies

BY JIM SUHR

Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz has made the most of bye weeks, in each of his four seasons emerging from them with a victory. This time, he's got his work cut out for him.

Nearly halfway through the season, the Rams (4-3) have been a team with two faces: potent in an overtime victory over Seattle after trailing 27-10 midway through the fourth quarter, inept two weeks later in a loss at previously winless Miami.

Now with some free time, Martz hopes to give his players rest, discover what kind of team he's got, save his possibly bruised psyche and, perhaps most daunting, prepare for a home game on Nov. 7 against Super Bowl champion New England.

"Obviously, we've got some things we need to fix," he said, figuring many of the issues can be remedied. "It wasn't a deal where we didn't play hard. We made some mistakes and got beat."

"We're all disappointed, we're all hurt. But we've got to take this as an opportunity to learn and move on."

Quarterback Marc Bulger offered perspective after the Dolphins, at St. Louis' expense, became the last NFL team to win this season.

"You can't get too excited about wins, you can't get too down about losses," said Bulger, using the bye week to rest a shoulder he tweaked against the Dolphins. "If

we worry about this, I think we will get embarrassed by New England."

Amid their choppyness, the Rams have shown resilience, battling back from a 1-2 start with three straight wins that put them atop the NFC West, only to be surprised by a Miami team that, at 0-6, was off to its worst start in its 39-year history.

After that "very devastating, disappointing loss," Martz still stuck by his bye-week formula and gave his players the week off,

ordering them back to the practice field Monday and giving them time and space to "calm down a little bit, get back physically."

"We can come back and kind of regroup on Monday and get going again," he said as someone who should know — at 4-0 in games after a bye week, he's second only to Philadelphia's Andy Reid (6-0) among active coaches.

The off time, Martz says, "gives us a chance to sit down and look at some things, particularly any changes from a personnel standpoint that we feel like we need to make, anything we want to do differently on either side of the ball."

Against Miami, bright spots were few. The Dolphins, at times with trickery, scored four touchdowns, matching their total for the first six games. And though Miami entered with a league-high 17 turnovers, the Rams forced none.

St. Louis totaled 37 yards, but converted only two of 13 third-down situations. The Rams' lone turnover was costly, with



St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger (10) rushes for a touchdown in the second quarter Oct. 24. After a loss to previously winless Miami, the Rams have a week off to regroup before taking on defending Super Bowl champion and currently undefeated New England.

Bulger intercepted in the end zone when they were threatening to tie the game in the third quarter.

"It's more about us than it is about the opponent," Martz shrugged.

Days beforehand, the Rams talked of not overlooking the Dolphins, that Miami's defense remained formidable and NFL parity meant any team could defeat most others any week.

St. Louis players were speaking with an air of confidence, with come-from-behind victories the previous two weeks, the charge past NFC West rival Seattle in overtime, then the Monday night victory over

Tampa Bay.

Gone, at least for the moment, were memories of the Rams giving up 34 points in a Sept. 19 loss at Atlanta, then a loss the next week at home against New Orleans.

Through it all, Martz remains pragmatic.

"It's a step-by-step process, and we need to win the division. That needs to be our focus," he said. "And however you get that done, that's what you have to do, you know; whatever your record is, it is. And as long as we can stay atop the division by the end of the season, you've achieved that goal and now you're ready to move on to the next step."

"That's the race we're in."

# offensive improvement leaves Browns optimistic

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — There is no middle ground for the Cleveland Browns. From Sunday to Sunday, the Browns swing from one NFL extreme to the other.

Right now, they're high, but they're mixed with the usual doses of despair. And, as Cleveland entered its bye week, it was difficult to gauge how good the Browns (3-4), in their fourth season under Butch Davis, truly are.

They've had the good: the William Green-Lee Suggs backfield tandem; an improved run defense; kicker Phil Dawson's perfection;

quarterback Jeff Garcia's playmaking; and a 3-1 record at home.

And there's been the bad: damaging injuries; a leaky secondary prone to giving up big plays; the lack of an offensive identity; not nearly enough pressure on opposing quarterbacks; and Davis' continual roster shuffling.

In his fourth season with Cleveland, Davis still doesn't have the Browns where he wants them.

"From a won-loss standpoint, I don't see very good at all," Davis said a day after the Browns were beaten 34-31 in overtime by the Philadelphia Eagles.

But all is not lost. The Browns, who won just five games last season, were also 3-4 in 2002 when they finished 9-7 and made the AFC playoffs.

Despite their troubles, offensive tackle Ryan Tucker believes these Browns can get back to the postseason.

"Absolutely," Tucker said. "Two years ago, we were 2-4 and everybody was writing us off and we ended up making the playoffs. It's not over until you're out. That's the bottom line."

Tucker's positive outlook is due in part to Cleveland's improve-

ment on offense the past few weeks.

In Sunday's loss to the Eagles, the Browns posted season highs in first downs (27), yards rushing (165) and third-down efficiency (9-for-16). The performance came on the heels of a 34-point, 440-yard outing in a win over Cincinnati.

Garcia finally seemed comfortable in first-year coordinator Terry Robiskie's system, which needed to be reworked when rookie tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. broke his leg in Week 2 and was lost for the season.

Garcia passed for 236 yards and ran 4 yards on a break play for a game-tying TD in the final minute as the Browns forced the unbeaten Eagles into OT. Slowly, the sun, the three-time Pro Bowler is playing the way the Browns hoped when they signed him as a free agent.

"He really started clicking in the second half of the New York Giants game," Davis said. "He really started feeling comfortable and since then has made strides and improvements. To scramble for the touchdown the way he did was a gutsy move. That was a courageous play."

Perhaps more significant than Garcia's progression — 37-for-54 for 546 yards and five TDs in his past two games — is that the Browns may have figured out how to best use Green and Suggs. Their varying styles — Green pounds, Suggs slashes — gives Cleveland a two-headed attack tough to defend.

If the Browns needed something to hang their helmet on over the remaining nine games, the Green-Suggs duo could be it.

"They'll definitely get better," Davis said. "They're young."

People forget that William missed almost a year because of personal issues and stuff (an NFL suspension for violating the substance-abuse policy). Lee didn't play but a smattering of plays last year.

"The upside for both these guys: They're going to continue to get better as blockers as route runners and as pass catchers. They'll do nothing but improve."

Defensively, the Browns need to stop the big pass play, which will be the main point of emphasis heading into next week's game at Baltimore.

Eagles quarterback Donovan

McNabb completed a 65-yarder on his first throw Sunday and had four more passes over 20 yards. This season, the Browns have given up 21 passes of 20 yards or more compared to eight through seven games in 2003.

"We have got to eliminate the big plays," Davis said. "A year ago, it was the run defense. Everybody was on a cruise. You can't stop the run. You can't stop the run. We're doing a good job against the run, but we have got to stop the big passes. That's the No. 1 thing we have got to eliminate."

Davis will tweak his defense by replacing starting safety Earl Little with Chris Crocker.

Cleveland's schedule over the next five weeks includes the Ravens (4-2), Steelers (5-1), Jets (5-1) and Patriots (6-0). Even the Bengals (2-4) will be a stiff test.

If they're still in the playoff hunt by December, the Browns might need to win road games at Buffalo, Miami and Houston to have any chance of making the playoffs.

Davis' job could hang in the balance, too.

"We have to keep our heads up and keep grinding," Tucker said. "It will turn — eventually."

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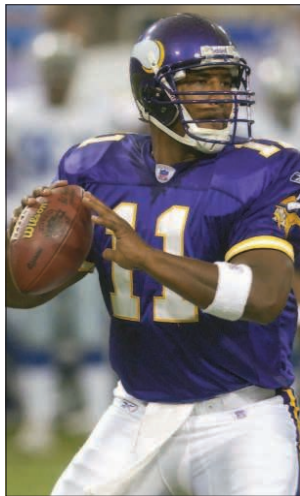
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# Vikings seek to avoid another letdown vs. Giants

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

The Associated Press



Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper leads the NFL in touchdown passes (19), quarterback rating (124.0), completion percentage (73.3), and is second in passing yards (1,949).

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings were soaring last season, unbeaten in six games until the struggling New York Giants showed up at the end of October and sent them back to sea level.

That marked the first of four losses the Vikings had against teams that finished 4-12 — nobody in the league was worse than that. They dropped seven of their final 10 and missed the playoffs.

Well, it's a year later and the schedule looks eerily similar.

The Giants are due at the Metrodome on Sunday, with Minnesota (5-1) riding a wave of confidence.

Better not let up this time.

"It's something that has been on my mind since the game ended," coach Mike Tice said, reflecting on last season's 29-17 defeat to New York. "This is the time last year where I thought we drifted a little bit, and that ultimately has to come down to me for letting that happen."

With that in mind, Tice has been hard on his assistants and players this week, determined to keep the team from slipping with subpar preparation.

"Hopefully it will be a lot better feeling than we had last year, when some said that we embarrassed everybody after that particular game," Tice said, a not-so-subtle jab at owner Red McCombs, who told the Vikings they humiliated him and their fans following the game.

Giants defensive tackle Fred Robbins, who played for Minnesota the



Game time is Central European.

past four seasons, had no trouble remembering what happened.

"I am sure they don't want the same thing to happen," Robbins said. "We have to go in with the mind-set that we need to get a victory and get back on the winning track."

New York (4-2) has matched up well with Minnesota recently, having won three of the past four meetings, starting with a 41-0 romp at Giants Stadium in the NFC championship game after the 2000 regular season.

Last year's Giants finished with eight straight losses, leading to coach Jim Fassel's firing, an overhaul of the offensive line and a new defensive coordinator, Tim Lewis. Though they lost last week to Detroit, the Giants have rebounded under demanding coach Tom Coughlin, thanks largely to a stellar performance by running back Tiki Barber.

He hasn't lost a fumble this year, and his 899 total yards are by far the most in the league. Quarterback Kurt Warner has experienced a bit of a renaissance, throwing just two interceptions in the first six games.

"It's just a great atmosphere right

now," Warner said. "It's been challenging, frustrating at times, coming from the offense to Lewis ... and trying to adjust my philosophy. But that part has been rewarding."

The one thing hampering New York's offense is an inability to convert long drives into touchdowns. In three possessions inside the Lions' 20-yard line last week, the Giants got just six points.

For the season, New York has turned 21 red-zone trips into only seven touchdowns, the worst percentage in the NFC.

"Execution has to be perfect," Coughlin said. "Everything happens fast, and we haven't had the success that we should have. ... Until we put the ball in the end zone with some kind of consistency, those questions will prevail."

The Vikings' defense is coming off its best showing this season.

The three-point yield against E.J. Henderson was the lowest in 98 games. T.J. Henderson is back at middle linebacker after missing two games with a sprained knee, and Minnesota has more speed on that side of the ball this year.

"I see an aggressive defense, an attacking defense that does a variety of things," Warner said. "I haven't seen a lot of big plays given up."

Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper has 19 touchdown passes, leading the offense to new heights. Randy Moss is expected to play a more meaningful role this week, but his strained hamstring won't be fully healed.

That will keep the pressure on rookie running back Mewelde Moore, who gained a team-record 610 total yards over the past three games.

# Falcons, Broncos strive to erase last week's nightmares

BY EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos were humbled. The Atlanta Falcons were humiliated.

Both teams would agree that their game Sunday can't come soon enough.

Both teams had to play to actually know what it's like to experience something like that, Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick said.

Indeed, Atlanta's 56-10 loss to Kansas City and Denver's 23-10 loss at Cincinnati have left both teams embarrassed about the game that just passed and a bit concerned about what might happen next.

Both teams have spent the past week defending their 5-2 records, their status atop their respective divisions and, most tellingly, their style of football.

In Atlanta, questions about Vick's effectiveness in the West Coast offense have become more prevalent. Largely considered the most dynamic quarterback in the NFL, he has a passer rating of 72.8 — 23rd in the league — and just four touchdown passes.

More than that, though, it was the record eight touchdowns rushing the Falcons allowed last week that has shocked people. It was the NFL's top-ranked rushing defense before the Chiefs game. Now the Falcons are ranked



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ninth, and coach Jim Mora rattled things up in practice.

"I think after you get gashed like we did, you have to come back with a little bit of that anger in you, and they need to feel it from me," Mora said.

"I don't know if anger is the right word, but emotion or resolve."

The Broncos, meanwhile, played the spin game on two fronts after their ugly loss.

They admit they were inexplicably unprepared for the Monday night game against the Bengals. But they view it as more of a slip-up than anything drastic.

"We learned a lesson from it and we will move on," quarterback Jake Plummer said.

Denver is also in the middle of turmoil about its run blocking, a debate that seems to crop up every year, normally around the time a Broncos lineman breaks

someone's ankle with a cut block the way George Foster did to Tony Williams last week.

Cut blocks — blocks below a defender's waist — are legal as long as the blocker's helmet is in front of the defender's shoulders.

Technically, Foster's block was legal, but around the league it was viewed as a cheap shot because Williams couldn't see it coming and because the block had little to do with the play.

In an unusually candid moment, coach Mike Shanahan brought reporters into the film room to show examples of the many teams who use cut blocks to make their running game go.

The big difference, Shanahan said, is Denver has been proficient running the ball over the years — in the top five in seven of the past nine seasons — so the Broncos get picked on more than most.

"The only thing I'm saying is it goes on every week, everywhere in the NFL," Shanahan said. "It's been going on for years and years and years."

The subject is timely this week because the Falcons hired Alex Gibbs as their offensive line coach in the offseason. Gibbs helped shape Denver's running game over the past nine seasons, and it figures the Broncos' defenders should be ready.

"You've just got to play hard



Atlanta Falcons' Demario Williams (51), Darrell Sanders (88), Warrick Dunn (28), Dez White (89) and Michael Vick (7) were humiliated when the Chiefs set an NFL record by rushing for eight touchdowns.

and figure out ways to defeat it," Mora said. "But I've never had a problem with it. I think you make a huge mistake if you go into a game and you emphasize to your defensive players: 'OK, they are going to cut you down, they are going to chop you.' Because then they don't play hard, they don't play aggressive, and that's the objective of a team that comes out and cuts you down sometimes."

Of course, after last week's debacles, both these teams have much more to worry about than

just cut blocking. They both need victories — or at least good performances — to get their promising seasons back on track.

"What happens this week is independent of last week," Mora said.

Or, at least he hopes so.

As do the Broncos.

"All you can do is just bounce back the next week. What we do next week is what everybody will be talking about, not what we did last week."

# Streak-busting upset brewing in Pittsburgh

By DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

The New England Patriots might be like no other powerhouse in NFL history. They almost never dominate, they just always win—a record 21 victories in a row including the postseason, 15 straight in the regular season.

Could their run end in Pittsburgh on Sunday?

The Steelers are 5-1 and have won four straight, all with rookie Ben Roethlisberger at quarterback. They also are home and rested after an off week.

By contrast, four of New England's six wins this season have been in Foxboro, where the Patriots never lose. Their road games were rather sloppy wins at Arizona and Buffalo, teams that have won three games between them.

On the other hand ... Roethlisberger is due for a bad game at some point, and Bill Belichick and Romeo Crennel are just the coaches to devise a defense that will confuse a rookie quarterback. That's especially true with a defense full of game-turners: Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi, Richard Seymour, Ty Law, Rodney Harrison, and on and on. They will have a special package for him," says Hines Ward, whose 43 receptions rank sixth in the NFL.

Pittsburgh seeks a measure of

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revenge. The last time the teams played at Heinz Field was the 2001 AFC championship game, when the Patriots upset the favored Steelers 24-17. Drew Bledsoe came on in relief of an injured Tom Brady in what turned out to be his last hurrah as a Patriot.

New England is the favorite this time, by three points.

Favorites have been falling every week. And home underdogs win, especially when they are 5-1.

### STEELERS, 17-16.

**Baltimore** (plus 8½) at **Philadelphia**: Another upset possibility, even with Jamal Lewis suspended. But Baltimore will be without Jonathan Ogden too, allowing the Eagles to put even more pressure on the struggling Kyle Boller. ... **EAGLES, 17-10.**

**Miami** (plus 7) at **New York Jets** (Monday night): Before the Dolphins beat the Rams, David Bowen said he expected them to win their final 10 games. Sorry. ... **JETS, 19-11.**

**Indianapolis** (minus 2½) at **Kansas City**: The Chiefs never stopped the Colts last season. The Colts don't stop many people either. ... **COLTS, 45-42.**

**Atlanta** (plus 6½) at **Denver**:

Another AFC West team that can run against the Falcons. Not 56 points this week, but ... **BRONCOS, 27-17.**

**New York Giants** (plus 7) at **Minnesota**: After the Giants beat the 6-0 Vikings at the Metrodome last season, Mike Tice said: "This game has concerned me over the years, because we don't match up well against the Giants." ... **GIANTS, 30-28.**

**Jacksonville** (plus 2) at **Houston**: The Jaguars can't always win in the final minute ... **TEXANS, 16-14.**

**Detroit** (plus 3) at **Dallas**: The road is suddenly magic for the Lions. ... **LIONS, 24-20.**

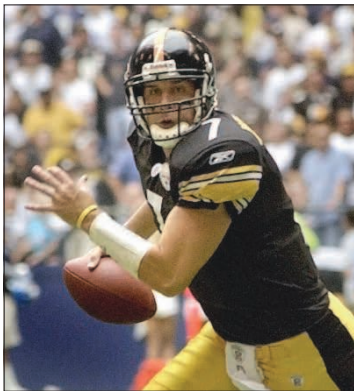
**Green Bay** (minus 2½) at **Washington**: The Packers' two best DBs might not play, but does that matter against Mark Brunell? ... **PACKERS, 20-9.**

**Cincinnati** (plus 4) at **Tennessee**: Steve McNair's chest injury is the Titans' biggest concern. Assume he won't play. Or won't play well. ... **BENGALS, 20-14.**

**Carolina** (plus 8) at **Seattle**: With all the Panthers' problems, another Seahawks loss is inconceivable. Or is it? ... **SEAHAWKS, 22-16.**

**Oakland** (plus 5) at **San Diego**: The Chargers can make the play-offs. ... **CHARGERS, 31-22.**

**Arizona** (plus 3) at **Buffalo**: The Cardinals have lost three road games by a total of 13 points. ...



Ben Roethlisberger seeks to go to 5-0 as Pittsburgh's starting QB.

## BILLS, 13-9.

**San Francisco** (plus 2) at **Chicago**: Tim Rattay is an NFL quarterback. Craig Krenzel, Jonathan Quinn and Chad Hutchinson

aren't. ... **49ERS, 10-6.**

Last week: 5-9 (spread), 8-6 (straight up).  
Season: 51-49-2 (spread), 67-35 (straight up).

# Vikings WR Moss practices, upgraded to probable

The Associated Press

EDEEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss was upgraded to probable for Sunday's game against the New York Giants after participating in an entire practice for the first time in nearly two weeks.

"That's big," coach Mike Tice said Friday. "We're pretty excited."

Moss, who strained his right hamstring in a win at New Orleans on Oct. 17, made a token start last week against Tennessee but played just two snaps as a decoy. He is expected to play a larger role against the Giants on Sunday, but won't be at full strength for at least two more weeks.

The five-time Pro Bowler leads the Vikings with 394 yards receiving and eight touchdowns this season. He's tied with running back Mewelde Moore for the team lead in receptions with 26.

Moss has played in 102 consecutive games. **Redskins tell Taylor to stay home** WASHINGTON — A day after skipping practice following his arrest on a drunken driving charge, Washington Redskins rookie safety Sean Taylor was granted an excused absence Friday. In fact, the team told him to stay away until Monday.

Taylor will be inactive for Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers, the fallout from being charged with driving under the influence and refusing a breathalyzer test after being stopped by a Virginia trooper early Thursday.

Taylor was not at Redskins Park for Friday's practice. Coach Joe Gibbs said the No. 5 overall draft pick will not be at Saturday's walkthrough or Sunday's game.

"He's not going to play this weekend, so I think it's good for him from a standpoint of media attention for the team and all that kind of stuff," Gibbs said. "It'd be better for the rest of us to spend the rest of the week concentrating on Green Bay."

The Redskins have to handle Taylor's situation carefully because they can't directly punish him over the charges unless he admits to them or is found guilty. However, Gibbs can penalize Taylor for missing Tuesday's practice and team meetings without notice.

Taylor was stopped by a state trooper around 2:45 a.m. Thursday.

The whole episode violated the No. 1 rookie Gibbs gave his players at the beginning of the season: Don't embarrass the Redskins.

"I realize we're dealing with young guys," Gibbs said. "They make mistakes. In general, we trust them. They're real professional. You've got to be smart. You've got a lot of time to vacation, be with your family or whatever. During the season it's the time when you're trying to be focused on football."

Taylor's absence leaves the Redskins without their two top safeties. Matt Bowen is out for the season with a knee injury, leaving Ryan Clark and Andre Lotz — with just seven NFL starts between them — as the probable starters against the Packers.

In other news, the Redskins released tight end Fred Baxter, giving him injury settlement after he injured his right arm in practice this week. Baxter wasn't even around for one game, having been signed after Walter Rasby was cut following a poor blocking performance against Chicago.

Second-year player Robert Royal is the only tight end left on the roster, although the Redskins have three H-backs who can

fill the tight end role.

Baxter was released on the roster by linebacker Brandon Barnes, who was promoted from the practice squad. Linebacker Billy Strohmer was signed to the practice squad.

## Cardinals demote OL coach

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals reassigned offensive line coach Bob Wylie to scouting duties and promoted first-year assistant Everett Lindsey.

There was no immediate word Friday from Cardinals head coach Dennis Green on why the switch was made heading into Sunday's game at Buffalo.

Lindsey, an offensive tackle for 10 years in the NFL, was cut by the Cardinals on Sept. 6 and retired after playing for Minnesota, Baltimore and Cleveland. He was then hired by Green to help the offensive line at Arizona (2-4).

Wylie joined Arizona's staff on Jan. 15 after spending five years as Chicago's offensive line coach.

## Chargers' Tomlinson expected to start

SAN DIEGO — Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson practiced Friday and is expected to start against the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

Tomlinson has been bothered by a strained groin the last three games and failed to gain more than 65 yards in any.

Two of Tomlinson's five biggest games as a professional came against the Raiders in 2003. He had a career-high 243 yards in a home win in the season finale, and 187 yards in an overtime loss at Oakland on Sept. 28.

His backup, Jesse Chatman, has played well, although he has a turf toe and has been held out of practice. Chatman is listed as probable on the injury report, although coach Marty Schottenheimer said it will be

a game-time decision whether he'll play.

San Diego's Davis expected to regain his starting job at right cornerback. Dayton Florence started at right cornerback in Sunday's win at Carolina, but sprained an ankle.

## Racler CEO shifts focus from 49ers to getting team in L.A.

SAN FRANCISCO — Billionaire software executive Larry Ellison said Friday that he inquired about buying the San Francisco 49ers only to be told by the current owners that the team isn't for sale.

Ellison, the flamboyant chief executive of Redwood Shores-based Oracle Corp., made the disclosure in response to a shareholder question at the software company's annual meeting in Redwood Shores.

The 49ers are currently owned by Denise DeBartolo York and her husband, John York. The couple, who live in Ohio, have become increasingly unpopular in Northern California as the 49ers — a franchise with a record five Super Bowl championships — have deteriorated into a last-place team.

"The Yorks aren't selling, so I'm not buying," Ellison said.

Ellison said he has shifted his football interests to the Los Angeles area, which hasn't had a football team since the Raiders returned to Oakland a decade ago.

Ellison also made it clear Friday that he wants to own a professional sports franchise. He also revealed that he has tried to buy the Golden State Warriors, but was spurned by the basketball team's owner of the last decade, Chris Cohen.

Ellison, 60, ranks among the world's richest men. His stake in Oracle alone is currently worth about \$16 billion.

In the sports world, Ellison is best known for his love of yachting. He led a team that unsuccessfully vied for the America's Cup last year.

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Hawaii quarterback Chang  
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# Ramstein extends title run

## Edwards paces five-time European champion Royals

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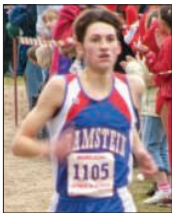
SCHWETZINGEN, Germany — Ramstein's Danny Edwards and Wiesbaden's Ashleigh Spencer dashed through the muddy woods of Tompkins Barracks to European big schools' cross country crowns on Saturday.

"I tried to get a personal best today," said Spencer, a junior who ran the hilly 5,000-meter course in 20 minutes, 48 seconds, "and I got it."

Edwards' time was 16:24, 13 seconds ahead of Greg Billington of Lakenheath.

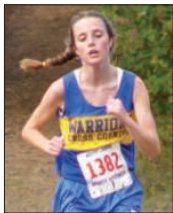
"I want to thank my coach [Steve Meadows] and God," said Edwards, the second member of his family to win a European cross country championship. Three years ago, his cousin, SHAPE's Patrick Edwards, won on the same course.

Ramstein's Edwards went his cousin one better, however, when



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**Ramstein's Danny Edwards was the top overall finisher in the DODDS cross country championships with a time of 16:24.**



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**Overall girls' champion Ashleigh Spencer of Wiesbaden heads toward the finish line with a winning time of 20:48.**

he led the Ramstein boys' run-away charge to the Division I team title for the fifth straight year. The Royals placed five run-

ners in the top 10 of a combined field of Division I and II qualifiers to beat runner-up Heidelberg to the D-I team title by 25 points.



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**Newman trying to transform pole dominance into Atlanta win**

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## Cougars keeping their eyes on D-III title



Bamberg's Marvin Gholston closes in for a tackle on Ansbach quarterback Brandon Bachtel during the Division III semifinal in Katterbach, Germany on Saturday. Ansbach won 45-14 for its 23rd straight victory. The Cougars will play for the Division III crown in Baumholder on Saturday. See Page 44 for more on the high school football playoffs.

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